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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Stevenson Again

THE latest cable reports from Chicago, where the Democrat Party's national convention is being held, indicate that Mr. Adlai Stevenson will be nominated Presidential candidate by a fairly comfortable majority, though he will probably not feel properly secure until the result of the poll has been announced. Twice in this year's campaign the generally conceded favourite has had to bend off strong challenges, first from Senator Estes Kefauver and, more recently, by ex-President Truman's protégé, Mr. Averell Harriman.

Behind the clash of personalities lies the deeper cleavage over policies. And it should be recognised that on questions like civil rights there is no uniform Democrat policy. North and South are poles apart—to the extent that the most malleable, non-committal and pliantulous set of principles could not be accepted by both factions. Earlier this year, it was thought that an "acceptable third man" to break the then existing impasse between Mr. Stevenson and Senator Kefauver would solve the Party's problems. TIME however has produced no compromise candidate. Despite Mr. Truman's passionate support of Mr. Harriman, the South distrusts New York's Governor too much to switch its votes. And the result is that those who had planned hopes on a more dramatic figurehead to offset policy clashes, appear resigned to Mr. Stevenson's nomination. It would be unfair not to add, however, that Mr. Stevenson's personal following is still considerable even though it has declined since his 1952 peak.

Mr. Stevenson's apparently comfortable majority has been made possible largely by the unselfish withdrawal of Senator Kefauver who saw that though his support was substantial not only was it not enough to secure his own nomination but it might easily undermine confidence in Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Truman has been less gracious and doubtless before the election campaign is over Democrats will be charging that he more than anyone else—friend or foe—has done more to undermine the party's chances. His characteristically spirited outburst earlier this week in support of Mr. Harriman was seen as a bluegreen blow that might do untold harm to Mr. Stevenson.

THE convention has since shown it is not disposed to accept dictatorship of this kind; indeed the psychological reaction was probably a movement of sympathetic support for Mr. Stevenson. Unperturbed, Mr. Truman now turns his hand to preparing a eulogistic testimony on behalf of the likely candidate.

The final platform has not yet emerged in a form which permits proper study. On domestic issues there is a clear split on racial integration in schools and the pace at which the Supreme Court's judgment on this question should proceed. The whole civil rights platform has yet to be moulded into an acceptable form, though just how much further policy can be diluted to meet southern objections is a question that must be engaging considerable attention in the party executive.

On foreign policy, the Democrats are not far from a bipartisan stand with the Republicans. The differences appear to be in small detail only and not ones that could inflame passions in the campaign. The Democrats oppose the admission of China to the United Nations. This is not surprising, though it is a pity it has adopted this negative, defensive attitude, when some more positive and hopeful statement could have emerged from Mr. Stevenson's enlightened mind.

COL. NASSER'S NEW MOVE

Sends "Observer" To The Canal Conference KEEPING 'FOOT IN THE DOOR'

London, Aug. 15. Egypt suddenly decided today to send a top-level "observer" to tomorrow's 22-nation Suez conference.

The sharp about-face was disclosed on the eve of the Big Three-sponsored talks which Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser rejected so bluntly on Sunday.

Nasser ordered his political director, Wing-Commander Aly Sabri, to fly to London. Cairo sources said Sabri will serve as an observer to "keep Egypt's foot in the door" even though

he cannot attend the closed sessions.

News of the Egyptian move reached the Big Three foreign ministers and the dozens of other diplomats gathered here after a busy day of hurried consultations.

US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles assured Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau of full American support for a "reasonable solution" of the canal crisis.

It was understood that the American view is this: If Egypt rejects such a

"reasonable solution" after the London conference, American moral opinion could be expected to support Britain and France in the next moves.

Whether that would include backing for military action was not disclosed.

But the Big Three were reported in full agreement that some form of international operation of the canal is vital even though the joint proposal for an "international authority" is considered flexible. —United Press.

US Aim: Get Canal Issue Out Of International Politics

London, Aug. 15.

Sources close to the United States delegation to the Suez Canal conference opening here tomorrow said tonight that the major objective of American policy for the conference was to get the Suez Canal issue out of the sphere of international politics and obtain a formula by which the Canal could be operated by an efficient business administration of an international character.

Operators of the Canal would assure free passage for all ships, including those of Israel.

United States officials were reportedly firmly convinced that some formula for international operation and control of the Canal must be found. In their view the world could not rely exclusively on some kind of appeal board or supervisory organ if basic international rights were to be protected.

NOT TO BE IMPOSED

They expect the conference to formulate some reasonable proposals, which will not be imposed on Egypt, but which will be explained to her in the hope that the Cairo government will respond favourably.

But the American view was that if reasonable proposals were made by the Suez conference and then rejected by Egypt, then United States moral opinion would stand with Britain and France.

The conference opening tomorrow was seen by American sources as an opportunity for

interested nations to exchange views and to seek agreement on proposals which would prove satisfactory to Egypt while providing basic guarantees for freedom of movement on the waterway, unhampered by political fluctuations.

Following the round of diplomatic talks, Mr. John Foster Dulles said here today—those he said included the British, French and Russian foreign ministers—the United States delegation was reported to be still firmly in favour of a Western powers plan for an international authority. But full details of this scheme have still to be worked out.

American officials said the atmosphere here surrounding the Suez crisis appeared to be calmer than two weeks ago when Mr. Dulles hurried to London for three power talks shortly after President Nasser's nationalisation act. The fact that the conference was being held

was a major reason for this change of atmosphere, it was said.

But in the American view all nations, including Egypt, realise that something had to be done about the Canal question and that nationalisation was not the end of the problem.

WIDE SCOPE

Following their talks with other delegations so far, these officials believe there is wide scope for discussion and a disposal among nations represented here to take reasonable positions.

"Discussion seems to be the order, rather than banging the table," one said. One source said the Russian view at the conference might be that President Nasser should be allowed to run the Canal and that if any country had complaints about its operation it could appeal to the United Nations. —Reuter.

SIR ANTHONY WILL OPEN THE CONFERENCE TODAY

London, Aug. 16.

Sir Anthony Eden opens a 22-nation conference here today to consider restoration of international control over the Suez Canal after Egypt's nationalisation of the vital sea link.

In a short welcoming address, the British Prime Minister is expected to reiterate the deep anxiety of the Western powers over what they hold is a "threat" to the freedom of navigation in the Canal.

The British, French and United States foreign ministers yesterday reaffirmed their determination to press for the setting up of full international management for the Canal consisting of the nations largely dependent upon its traffic.

Main opponent to the Western plan is expected to be Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, the new Soviet Foreign Minister, who is attending his first international conference.

The conference, which is being held at Lancaster House, scene of many important international meetings, is expected to last about 10 days.

The plan of the "Big Three" Western powers, who called the meeting is to win the approval of the majority of the nations for a scheme involving a two-tier international organisation to run the canal. The top body would be responsible for the overall administration of the

waterway and the second would control the physical operations. Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary, has said that the international authority might be linked to the United Nations.

A Fair Share Under the Western project, Egypt would be given a fair share of the canal's takings and the shareholders of the old Suez Company would be paid compensation for their loss.

If the Western scheme receives the approval of the conference it will be submitted to Egypt for consideration. One of the main questions expected to come up at today's largely procedural discussions is how the vote should be taken on conclusions.

The Western powers will probably insist on a majority vote. Russia, India and some other nations are expected to resist this.

Another question to be solved today is the chairmanship of the meeting. Some in-

dications favour rotation of the chairmanship in alphabetical order. Others would like Mr. Lloyd or another minister made permanent chairman.

Countries attending the conference are: Australia, Britain, Ceylon, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, West Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Iran, Portugal, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States. —Reuter.

LEAVES FOR LONDON

Cairo, Aug. 15. Wing-Commander Aly Sabri, President Nasser's chief political officer, left here by air for London tonight.

Wing-Commander Sabri is flying to London in a British European Airways Viscount by way of Athens and Munich.

Wing-Commander Sabri, speaking in English, told reporters before he left: "I'm sorry I can't tell you anything about the object of my visit to London."

"I should be staying at the Egyptian Embassy in London and it is obvious I am going to London to watch the Suez conference."

Wing-Commander Sabri, a wartime officer in the British air force, will be visiting London for the first time.

Asked by an American reporter whether he was going to London to "muzzle" Major Salah Salem for what he had been saying about blowing up the Suez Canal, Wing-Commander Sabri said: "Major Salem is free to say what he wants. He only represents his paper, Al Shaab." —Reuter.

Terrorists Slay Two In Algiers

Algiers, Aug. 15.

Sharpshooting Algerian rebels killed a European student here today and then shot down a motor scooter rider and his wife on the city's outskirts.

The student was shot down early in the afternoon on an Algiers street. He died a short time later in hospital. The killer escaped.

An hour later, a European motor scooter rider, with his wife and child, stopped to repair the scooter on the outskirts of Algiers. Rebels killed the husband and wounded the wife with two bullets in the body.

Passersby found them later. The child was untouched and sitting near his parents.

TWO BATTLES

French patrols crushed rebel bands and recovered large amounts of arms and ammunition in two clashes in Western Algeria's Oran Department, French authorities said.

No casualty figures were given. The first battle took place at St. Maurice, 25 miles southwest of Oran, and the second at Beni-Bachel, 18 miles southwest of Tiemcen.

In Constantine in Eastern Algeria, French Alpine troops inflicted "severe losses" on a strong band of rebels near Bougie, the French reported.

Bougie is on the coast about 125 miles east of Algiers. The French police carried out a huge "control" action throughout the Birmahia suburbs of Algiers late today, following the two killings.

More than 300 Moslems were taken to police headquarters for questioning and the police are holding 150 of them for "further verification of their identities." —United Press.

U NU'S APPEAL

New Delhi, Aug. 15. The former Burmese Prime Minister, U Nu, has sent a personal letter to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, asking him to assist in getting China to withdraw her troops from Burmese territory, according to the newspaper The Hindu today. —Reuter.

STRIKERS CLASH WITH POLICE

Singapore, Aug. 15.

Seven persons were injured and 68 arrested today when striking workers of the Fred Waterhouse factory clashed with the police.

The injured included four workers and three policemen, one of the latter being admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

The clash broke out when the workers, on the 29th day of their strike for higher wages and better service conditions, tried to obstruct vehicles passing through the factory gates. The police used batons to disperse the crowd. —France Press.

It Looks As Though The Democrats' Nomination Fight Is Over

HARRIMAN MAY WITHDRAW

Chicago, Aug. 15.

Mr. Averell Harriman, Governor of New York State, may announce the withdrawal of his candidature for Democrat nominee for the presidential election, a reliable source stated.

He would take this step to maintain unity in the Democrat Party, the source said.

Harriman is reported to have decided to withdraw when the number of votes assured in favour of Adlai Stevenson, the other candidate, continuously rose today. The latest estimates gave Stevenson 600 votes assured after New Jersey and Michigan had announced that they would vote for him. Ohio was reported to be opting for Stevenson after first backing Harriman.

Harriman was reported to have gleaned only 230 assured votes. An absolute majority of 680 1/2 votes is required for nomination.

It was believed that Stevenson would be nominated at the first ballot tomorrow evening.

Will Not Oppose

Stevenson's position was strengthened when the leader of the Senate Democrat majority, Lyndon Johnson, said he would not oppose him, provided the election programme on civil rights was moderate enough to be acceptable to the South.

This programme has just been published without even being adopted by the programme commission or by a plenary session of the convention. It constitutes a compromise between Northern and Southern views and experts say it will not cause a reopening of a debate on this thorny issue.

Harriman was to have last-minute talks today with several delegations, including that from Ohio. He was expected to announce his decision afterwards. —France-Press.

One Last Obstacle

Chicago, Aug. 15. Mr. Adlai Stevenson, hurrying the crumbling roadblocks of Harry Truman and Governor Averell Harriman, today virtually locked up the Democratic presidential nomination.

The last remaining obstacle in Mr. Stevenson's path apparently was the threat of a bruising North-South battle when the government took up the blistering civil rights issue at its night session. However, his backers were confident of ultimate victory despite any row.

Mr. Stevenson's big break came when two key Northern delegations to the Democratic national convention—Michigan and New Jersey—were released by their favourite sons in favour of Mr. Stevenson. Hard on their heels came Arkansas and possibly Washington and some Massachusetts votes.

Mr. Stevenson got an added boost when the Democratic Platform Committee approved a compromise civil rights plank that most Southern Democrats could swallow and which won the approval of Mr. Harriman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, a Stevenson backer.

Best Compromise

The plank affirmed the Supreme Court's school integration order as "law of the land" but rejected use of force to carry it out. Some Southerners announced their unalterable opposition but most accepted it as the best possible compromise.

However, with the South generally apparently mollified, the compromise ran into angry opposition from Northern Democrats who insisted that the Party promise to "implement" the Court order and pledge "legislation" in the civil rights field.

choice. This contest was wide open.

Primarily mentioned were Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, who withdrew from the presidential race in favour of Mr. Stevenson and is close to him in policies of moderation. He has said he would accept.

Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, who controls a powerful bloc of votes from his own and other Southern states. He had hoped for the top nomination if the convention deadlocked between Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Harriman.

Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri. He has the personal backing of ex-President Truman, himself a Missourian, and the solid 38 votes of his state.

Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee. One of the Party's "young guards" who made the lightning keynote speech on Monday and may win wider support than the 32 delegates of his own state.

Other Possibles

Others are Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts, Mayor Robert Wagner of New York city and Governor Robert Meyner of New Jersey.

A later poll put Mr. Stevenson, on paper, within 21 votes of the 680 1/2 needed.

Mr. Harriman was still saying he would win the nomination. He told delegates from Michigan and New Jersey that many commitments had been made to Mr. Stevenson in the last three years but that these delegates had said they would be free to vote for Mr. Harriman after the first ballot or two. —Reuter.

Not To Be Recalled

Djakarta, Aug. 15. The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Ruslan Abdulgani, allegedly involved in a corruption scandal, will not be recalled from London, where he is leading the Indonesian delegation at the Suez conference, Information Minister Sudibjo, stated today. —France-Press.

Eoka Gunmen Take Revenge

Nicosia, Aug. 15.

Extremists today shot dead the uncle of a beautiful Cypriot girl who denounced them last week as a "pack of cowardly murderers".

Bullets fired by a gang of unknown assailants killed Christos Pappalarios on Archbishop Makarios Street in Nicosia late this afternoon. Pappalarios had been released from protective custody only a few hours earlier, after having been held in gaol for a week for his own safety.

Last week his niece, Drosulla Dimitriadou, was flown to Britain by the security authorities after denouncing the extremist organisation Eoka for killing her fiancé.

In a news conference in London and in a broadcast over the government-controlled Cyprus Radio, Miss Dimitriadou, whose Maltese fiancé John Mompalao had been murdered by Eoka earlier last week, accused the extremists of being "murderers".

FLOWN TO SAFETY

She called on loyal Cypriots to remove the Eoka organisation from their midst.

The police flew Miss Dimitriadou and her immediate family to London to protect them from vengeance. Pappalarios and other close relatives were taken into protective custody and released today.

The police clamped a cordon on Nicosia City and cordoned off the teeming streets of the Greek quarter, where Pappalarios was shot down. The cordon was lifted after two hours, when a house-to-house search failed to unearth the gunmen. —United Press.

THEY DIED EATING

Marcinelle, Aug. 15.

Forty of the men trapped in Belgium's Bliffer Heart mine disaster were killed instantly by a cloud of carbon monoxide gas just as they were eating breakfast, a rescue worker said here today.

Some of the dead men, who were found in the cinder pit, still had bread in their hands and mouths when rescuers reached them. Others were lying on their backs as if sleeping and some were sitting in positions which indicated that they died without knowing it.

Rescue workers today continued their attempts to reach galleries low in the mine where other men were believed to have been trapped.

The work in bringing to the surface the 83 bodies found in the gallery 2,750 feet down finished today. —Reuter.



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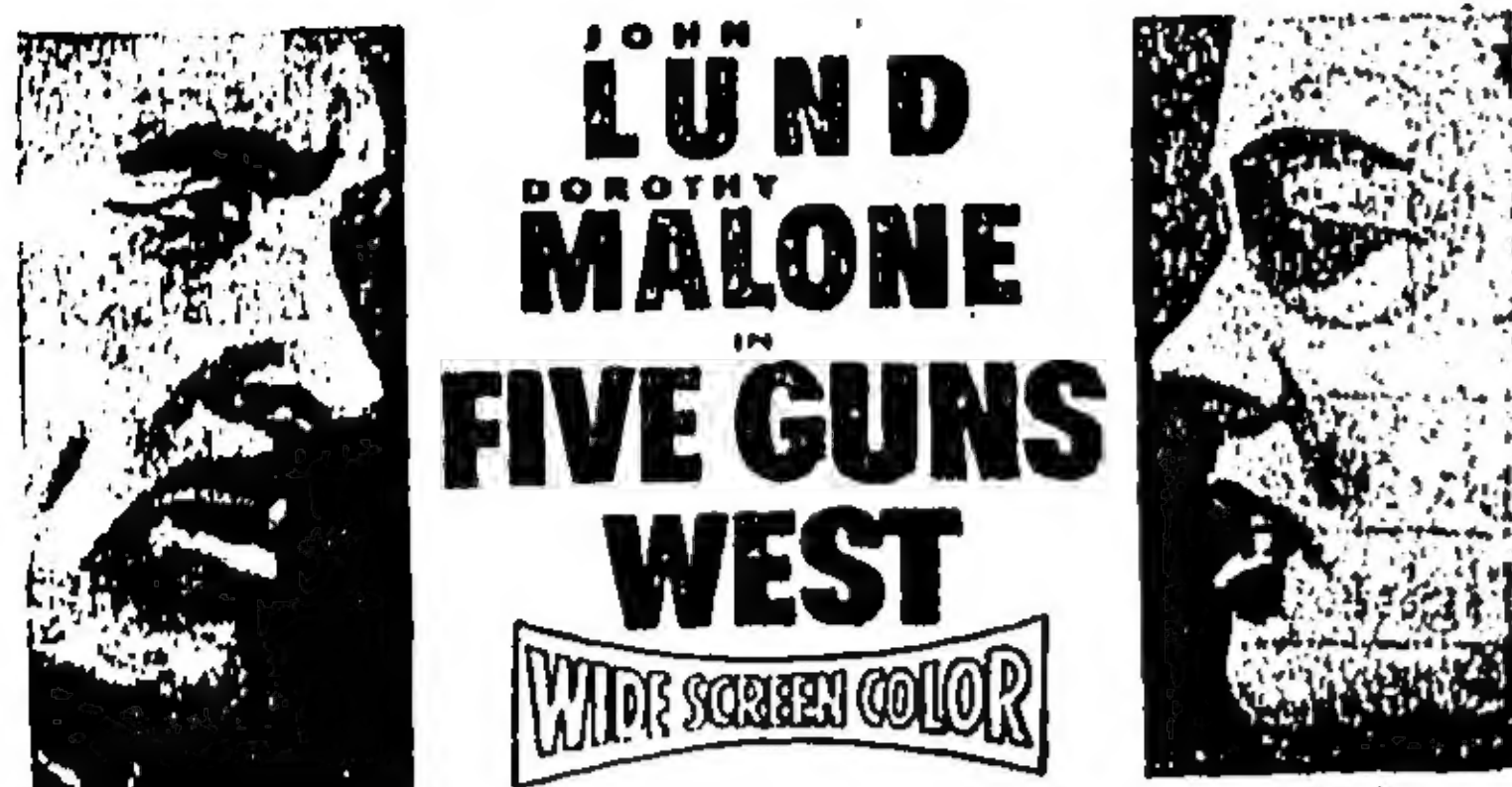
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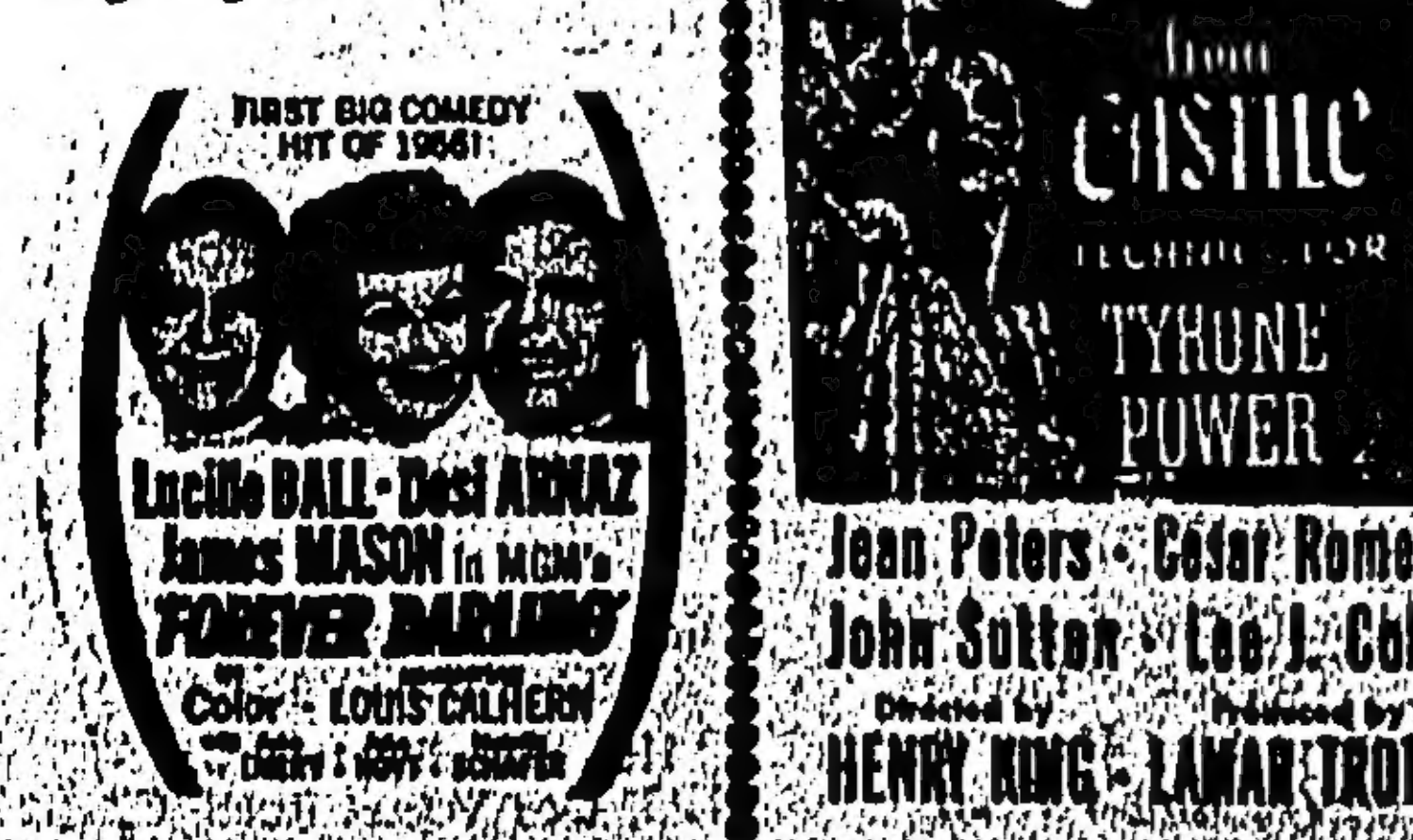


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Latest developments in radar by the British Decca Company were recently shown in Germany for the first time to members of the German Federal Defence Ministry, the aircraft industry and the press. Pictured is a control car radar screen, in which the progress of any plane or moving object can be followed. — Express Photo.

Moroccan Base Talks Later

Washington, Aug. 15.

Negotiations for a strategic bases agreement in Morocco will be taken up both here and in Rabat when the time comes, Moroccan Embassy Minister Achmet Ben Aboud said today.

Battling Against Imperialism

Cairo, Aug. 15.

The battle which Egypt "is to fight against imperialism", following the nationalisation of the Suez Canal, "will last for years," the Egyptian Education Minister, Major Kamal Eddine Hussein, said here today.

Hussein, appointed by Colonel Nasser as commander of the para-military "National Liberation Army", said: "This battle has been going on for a long time. It must not cease. It has become more important since the nationalisation of the Suez Canal. It will last for years because the Suez Canal zone is a vital communications centre and is also rich in oil and minerals."

In Schools

"We must therefore possess a permanent force to frustrate the imperialists, who have always tried to dominate the Middle East."

Hussein was addressing a conference of provincial directors of mobilisation. Yesterday, at a meeting of regional commanders, he had discussed plans for organising the National Liberation Army.

Hussein's plan calls for elementary military instructions for all students at Egyptian primary and secondary schools. More than a thousand camps are being set up throughout the country to train the students and the volunteers of the Egyptian National Liberation movement, a sort of National Guard.

By the end of the scholastic year, Hussein expects that 24,000 Egyptian students will have received their rudimentary military training. Each regional zone of the country is to have a commander of military education, responsible for carrying out the training programme. — France-Press.

He said afterwards: "I saw the car land on the roof. It bounced about 10 ft and turned over three times. In the air, I could see Hussein's little red sweater, whirling around inside." — China Mail Special.

TRUMAN DELIGHTS REPUBLICANS

Bitter Attacks On Stevenson During Convention Shock Many Democrats

By PAUL SCOTT RANKINE

Washington, Aug. 15.

Ex-President Truman's bitter attacks upon his fellow Democrat, Mr Adlai Stevenson, in the fight over the nomination of a Presidential candidate at the Democratic national convention, have shocked many Democrats and delighted the Republicans, preparing for their own convention next week.

Mr Truman's "give 'em hell" techniques won him fame, popularity and the Presidency when he employed them against the Republicans in his one-man election campaign in 1948. But he has never before turned such fire upon a member of his own party.

Beyond Custom

In fact the kind of language now being used by Mr Truman goes far beyond custom at party conventions and the usages of party loyalty.

Not even Senator Robert Taft, in the most bitter moment of the last-ditch stand of the Republican old guard against the nomination of General

Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952, hurled such charges as "demagogue" or "traitor" at a fellow party member "could not win" the election.

Before this week's convention Mr Truman himself had been loyally declaring that "any Democrat" could defeat President Eisenhower.

Even the lonely Mr Harold Stassen, still struggling desperately in a deserted Washington to persuade the Republican party to "dump Nixon" (Mr Richard Nixon) the Vice-Presidential candidate, has not used such extreme tactics as those of Mr Truman's "dump Stevenson" campaign.

Leave Wounds

One good reason for restraint at party conventions is that such attacks, particularly when they come from a former President, provide invaluable campaign material for the opposite party in the subsequent election campaign.

So far as Mr Truman's own political future is concerned, his actions this week will leave wounds that obviously cannot be healed in a month or two.

If, therefore, Mr Stevenson is finally nominated, as it will be almost impossible for Mr Truman to take to the stump again for the candidate of his party in the election campaign.

This may not be a great disappointment to Mr Stevenson. In the 1952 campaign Mr Stevenson's supporters regarded President Truman's enthusiastic endorsement and campaign methods as an embarrassment because they did not wish Mr Stevenson to be too closely identified with the "mess in Washington" which candidate Eisenhower was then denouncing.

Provocation

In fact, it is widely believed that it is just this attitude on Mr Stevenson's part which has provoked Mr Truman to stake everything including his own political future on supporting the candidacy of Governor Averell Harriman, an old colleague who would give Mr Truman a prominent place in the campaign and work harmoniously in harness with the ex-President. — China Mail Special.

Great German Author Dies

Berlin, Aug. 15.

Bertold Brecht, author of the libretto for "The Threepenny Opera" and considered one of Germany's greatest modern writers, died last night of a heart ailment, the East German radio reported today.

Brecht, who was 58, achieved world fame as a result of "The Threepenny Opera", which he wrote in 1928 and which was recently revived. Kurt Weill wrote the music.

Brecht was a Communist and holder of the Stalin Peace Prize.

His first success was a drama, "Drums in the Night", which was first produced in Munich in 1923. He later worked in Berlin as a director but fled Germany during Adolf Hitler's rise to power.

He spent three years in the Soviet Union, from 1933 to 1939, and went to the United States in 1941, where he remained until 1947.

Back in Germany, Brecht and his wife, Helene Weigel, founded the Berliner Ensemble, a theatre group that produced such Brecht plays as "Mother Courage."

Although his plays and poetry flourished in pre-war Germany and during his exile in other countries, his art was stifled under the Communists of East Germany in recent years.

In 1952 his play "The Interrogation of Lucullus" opened in East Berlin, but the Communists objected to its pocket theme and ordered him to rewrite the story.

He was awarded the Stalin Peace Prize in 1954. — United Press.

Lacy East-West Consultant

Washington, Aug. 15.

The State Department announced today that a new post had been created for a "special assistant to the Secretary of State for East-West exchanges," and the appointment of Mr William S. B. Lacy to the new post.

Mr Lacy was formerly Ambassador to Korea.

The State Department spokesman said the post of assistant for East-West exchanges was set up under the 17 point programme agreed upon by the three Western foreign ministers in Geneva last October, for the purpose of improving the relations between East and West, especially in the development of cultural exchanges.

Economic Expert

Commenting on press reports that Hungary would like to strengthen her ties with the United States, the State De-

partment spokesman said this lay within the scope of Mr Lacy's mission: to improve relations between the Central European countries in particular, and the West.

Mr Lacy, aged 46, served as an economic expert in various government branches, until his appointment as Assistant Director of UNRRA, after the second world war.

He entered the State Department as a specialist of Southeast Asian affairs, and in 1952 was appointed Counselor in Manila. He served as Ambassador in Seoul for several months last year. — France-Press.

Mob Demands Arrest Of Police Chief

Karachi, Aug. 15.

A crowd of 2,000 demonstrators crashed through a police cordon and marched to Premier Mohammad Ali's home today to demand the arrest of police Inspector General Gilbert Grace.

The demonstrators, hoping to keep the British-born Inspector General from leaving the country, reached the Premier's house, shouting, "Mohammad Ali, come out." And "arrest Grace."

Grace, as head of the 5,000-man Karachi police force, has been the target of charges alleging malpractice by the police. A government investigation is now under way.

The Pakistan Prime Minister told the crowd that anyone found guilty would be punished. Grace is currently on sick leave, but is soon expected to return to his post. — United Press.

Baby Escapes From Moving Motor Car

Port Elizabeth, Aug. 15.

Three-year-old Caroline Pennacchini, of Sixth Avenue, Walmer, was sitting at the steering wheel of her father's car when it began to move.

While her father, who had just got out, watched, helpless it plunged 18 ft. into a culvert, and turned over three times before coming to rest.

Caroline's father, Mr Franklin Pennacchini, ran to the car and found Caroline unhurt but for a cut wrist.

He said afterwards: "I saw the car land on the roof. It bounced about 10 ft and turned over three times. In the air, I could see Caroline's little red sweater, whirling around inside." — China Mail Special.

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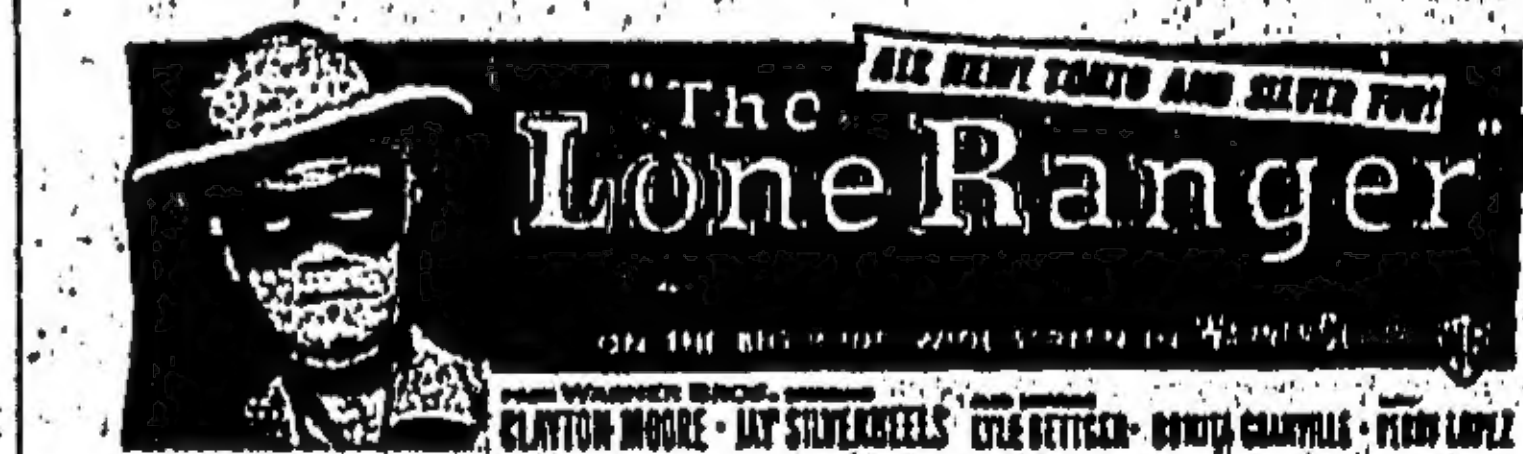
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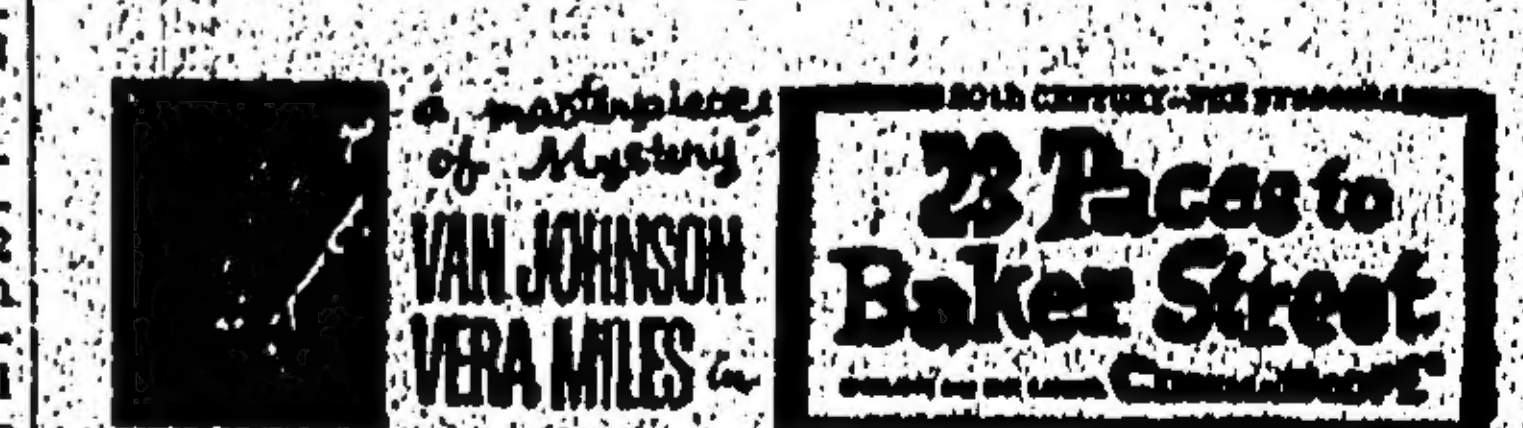
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VIVIEN LEIGH SAYS IT: 'TOO OLD'

By **LOGAN GOURLAY**

VIVIEN LEIGH curled up in a corner of her dressing-room sofa beneath the drawing on the wall by Whistler (not of his mother) and made a candid admission:—

"I'm too old, I'm afraid. Too old."

She was not talking about retiring. She was telling me why after creating the part on the stage in *The Sleeping Prince* she was not going to play it in the film version. (As everyone should know by this time Marilyn Monroe will play it opposite Miss Leigh's husband, Sir Laurence Olivier.)

Miss Leigh explained "I really could not have played it myself in the film."

"After all, the part does call for a young girl. It's all right on the stage. The audience isn't too close and you can play younger parts."

"But you can't deceive the film cameras. They show up too much."

No division

☆ She was perhaps being too harshly realistic about herself—and setting a precedent among maturing leading ladies.

It's said that any woman looks young and beautiful after a few gins, but I don't think I was influenced by the two gins and tonic I had been given—or by the heady flower scent from the vase behind me. To me, Miss Leigh, in black slacks and matching blouse, looked like a woman in the film, unlined, attractive thirties.

But then, I am not a camera. As a columnist I must report that she is now 42 (12 years and many films older than Miss Monroe).

Miss Leigh has one film part lined up which will present no age problem—and which she will not be offering to Miss Monroe. It is *Lady Macbeth*, opposite her husband's *Macbeth*.



Vivien Leigh and husband Sir Laurence Olivier.

in his next large-scale Shakespearean film which he plans to start next year.

"We're also hoping to do a stage season together with a repertoire of plays."

So the celebrated, often-criticized partnership of Olivier and Leigh will continue professionally. (He will only be having 40 winks in *The Sleeping Prince* with Miss Monroe.)

And the partnership looks like continuing matrimonially too after 15 years and many rumours of rifts.

At least they were on loving terms when Sir Laurence visited the dressing-room while I was there. Unless they were acting for my benefit—and I hardly think so.

He said: "What about supper tonight, Puss?"

She said: "We're going out. But don't worry. I'll book the table, darling."

He said: "That's sweet of you, Puss."

She said: "No trouble, darling."

Then he was gone, after kissing her on the cheek and saying:—

"Take care, Puss. See you later."

She sometimes applies that affectionate pet name Puss to him too. But it suits her better.

of course. And of course, she's a Staines puss.

She can be aristocratically aloof, hissing temperamental, or purring friendly.

She can also in the well-bred, refined manner be philosophically detached when necessary.

"When you're in the spotlight you have to be," she said, toying with the fancy box holding two packs of cards, which she keeps in the dressing-room for sessions of patience between acts.

"I don't pretend, like a lot of other stars, that I never read my notices. But I take the bad ones calmly. Otherwise I'd go out of my mind."

She had a diplomatic answer for the question—"Do you fret about those frequent criticisms that your acting isn't as good as your husband's?"

"No. Nobody's acting is as good as his."

I changed the subject to income tax—every star's problem. But she said: "No, I haven't any tax problems. Least, I don't think so. But I leave all that to my business manager. He tells me what I owe—and I sign the cheques."

Fortunately for Mr Noel Coward she will not flee the country, as he has done, to escape the tax collectors, deserting her part in his hit *West End play, "South Sea Bubble."*

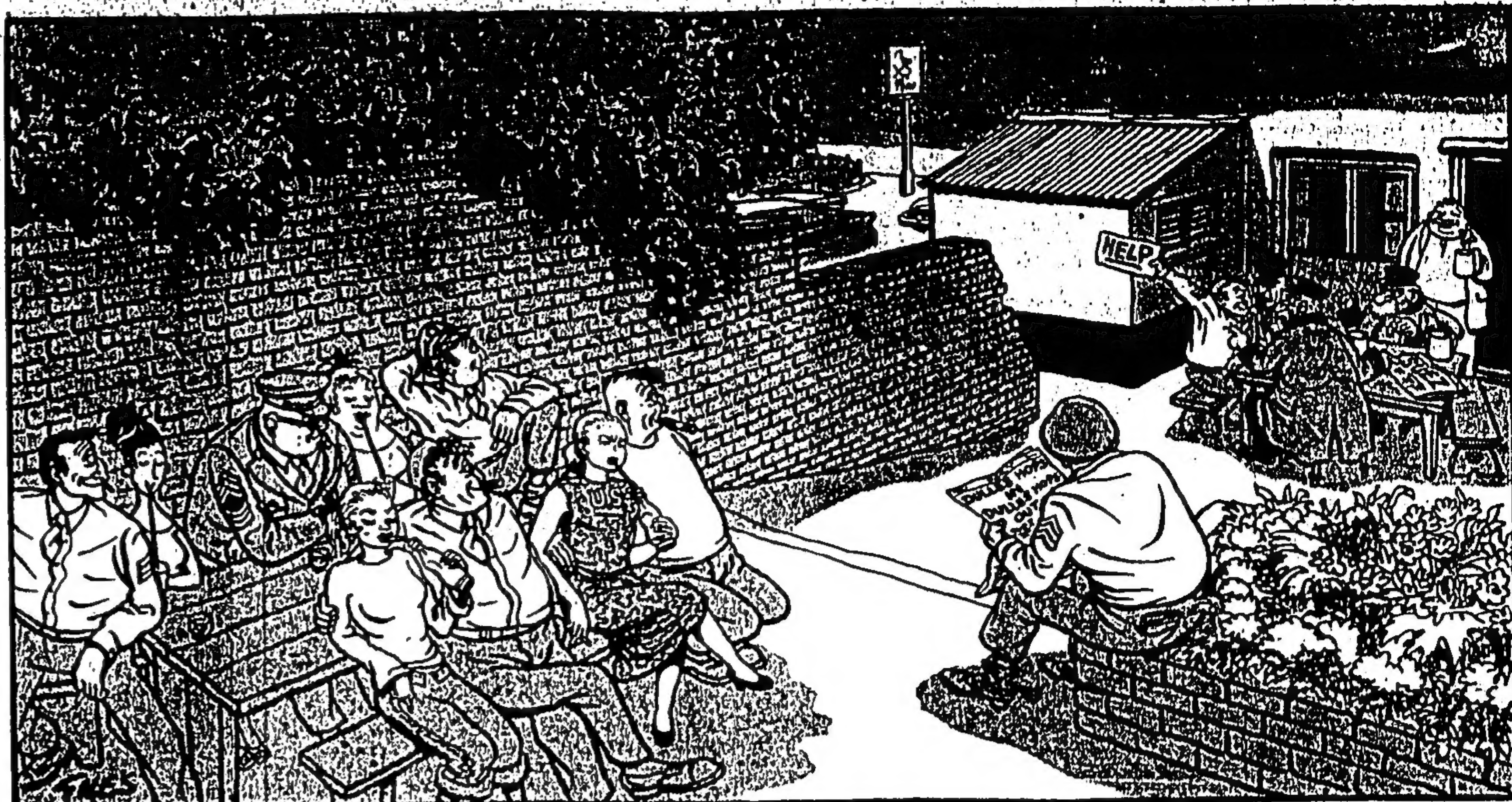
No admirers

☆ Outside the stage door, when I left, I bumped into a crowd of eager men of all ages. But they were not fans and admirers of Miss Leigh.

Her stage door is bang next to the front door of that well-known theatre—which never closed—the Windmill.

P.S.—As yet Miss Leigh, entering or leaving, has not been asked for her autograph by a young man mistaking her for the lady who does the Windmill bubble dance.

Heaven help any young man who does.



DID ANYONE MENTION SUEZ?

AMERICA IS THINKING ABOUT OTHER THINGS

DON IDDON'S DIARY

NEW YORK

Tuesday

THE Americans have suddenly become gloomier about the Suez crisis. Since President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles appeared in the telecast which 25,000,000 watched and heard, there has been breakdown.

I have to report a general wringing of hands, melancholia, and chronic depression.

Ever since I arrived back in New York after my Hollywood sortie I have been greeted with: "What a crazy, mixed-up mess!" And the suggestion is that the Americans want little part of it.

No one seems to remember, if they ever knew, that the British hurried up their departure from the Canal Zone at the United States' insistence.

I would like to cable that Britain's bold stand and our

Ike... He is caught in an election straitjacket.

movements of troops and warships were being hailed here as a forthright and admirable action. But it would not be true.

At the United Nations headquarters in New York, where the atmosphere is like a morgue, the diplomats tell me bluntly that the West has already lost hopes

of re-establishing stability in the Middle East; that relations between the Western Powers, particularly Britain and France, and the "uncommitted third" of the world have been damaged deeply; and that a breach between the United States on the one hand and Britain and France on the other has been opened or brought into the open.

Washington hints the same thing. And the Herald Tribune's Marguerite Higgins, married to a general who is a friend of Mr Eisenhower, reports solemnly that in American opinion, if Britain and France use force there will be:

1. Guerilla warfare throughout the entire Arab world; 2. Dynamiting and other sabotage of the Suez Canal waterway; and

3. Dynamiting and other sabotage of Western-controlled oilfields in the Arab world.

Whatever we do we are damned, according to several diplomats at the United Nations and in Washington. They tell me that, of course, if Colonel

Nixon... He is fighting a move to dump him.

Nasser backs down under the pressure of the multi-nation conference and moral force it would be a triumph for the West.

But who expects that? Surely anybody here except Mr Dulles, and he may be indulging in wishful thinking.

He cannot be happy about American reaction to the seizure of the Suez by a robber

Some of the comment here is jarring. There is that in the extremely influential United States News and World Report: "War talk, it's noted, develops fast when interests of other nations are hurt. When U.S. interests are hurt and firmness is asked it's warmongering."

Almost every section of the Press here is urging "caution, care, restraint." Even the leftist Press often so bellicose, says: "Caution does it." And the New York Daily News, the biggest-circulating newspaper in the United States, is back on the old isolationist stand and saying: "We get the uneasy impression that British and French politicians hope to push the United States out front in the job of settling the world-wide fracas kicked up by Egyptian dictator Nasser's theft of the Suez Canal."

By a supreme irony, Senator Joseph McCarthy, our old critic, now steps forward as a friend and says: "Nasser is a crookpot and a screwball, whose grip on the Suez Canal should be broken by military action."

I have quoted from American newspapers because they are printing what the American people are saying about the Suez crisis. Let us get one thing absolutely straight—we can expect only moral and economic pressure from here in the struggle against Nasser. There will be no use of force by the United States.

This is election year and Nasser knows it. You cannot expect any leadership of the West from this country until the election results in November, or perhaps as late as the inauguration of a new President next January.

Leadership has come to a grinding halt, despite Mr Dulles' television speech and the President's presence.

If the multi-nation conference is defied by Nasser, the British

and the French will have to go it alone as far as using force is concerned, while the United States murmurs some encouragement—and I'm not too sure of this even—from the sidelines.

The hands of President Eisenhower are not merely tied. The man is in an election jacket—a straitjacket. Any hint of sending American troops to help quell the Nasser revolt against international law would result in the Republicans being tagged "war party." To be called a "war party" is a sure way of losing the Presidential election.

Here in New York and throughout America, despite the Suez headlines, the main topics of conversation and attention are:

1. The President's health or lack of it.
2. The duel between Vice-President Richard Nixon and Harold Stassen.
3. The Democratic Presidential Convention at Chicago.

Could there be anything more significant than this? At the President's last press conference almost all the questions asked by one of the best-informed groups of men and women in America were about the President's state of health and the Stassen movement to dump Nixon.

There were only two questions to the President about Suez and Nasser, and one was asked by a Frenchman and the other by a Texan.

Instead of talk on Suez there is the macabre probing into Mr Eisenhower's bodily functions and the chilling statement of

Stassen... He sparked off several questions.

William McGuffin, of the Chicago Daily News, "that people are afraid you will not live another four years."

The President, whose appearance and voice had changed noticeably since his operation for ileitis, answered all questions with dignity. He did not offer much information on Suez.

Suez? Nasser? They are not being talked about in Chicago this week, or next.

The business of Government goes on, but President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles are departing for San Francisco for the Republican convention next week.

Nasser will have to do something very drastic or Britain and France will, for Americans' minds to be taken off their great national pastime—the Presidential political conventions.

Should this American preoccupation with their own particular affairs, their unwillingness to support any use of force, and their great gloom about the Suez crisis dissuade Britain from the decision she has taken? Not at all.

If my recent tour of the British Empire and Commonwealth taught me anything it was that the free world wants Britain to lead. It wants firmness and forthright action—the members of the British family say Britain must stand fast.

Any surrender to Nasser could mean at worst the beginning of the break-up of the Commonwealth, and at best a decline in the prestige of the mother country.

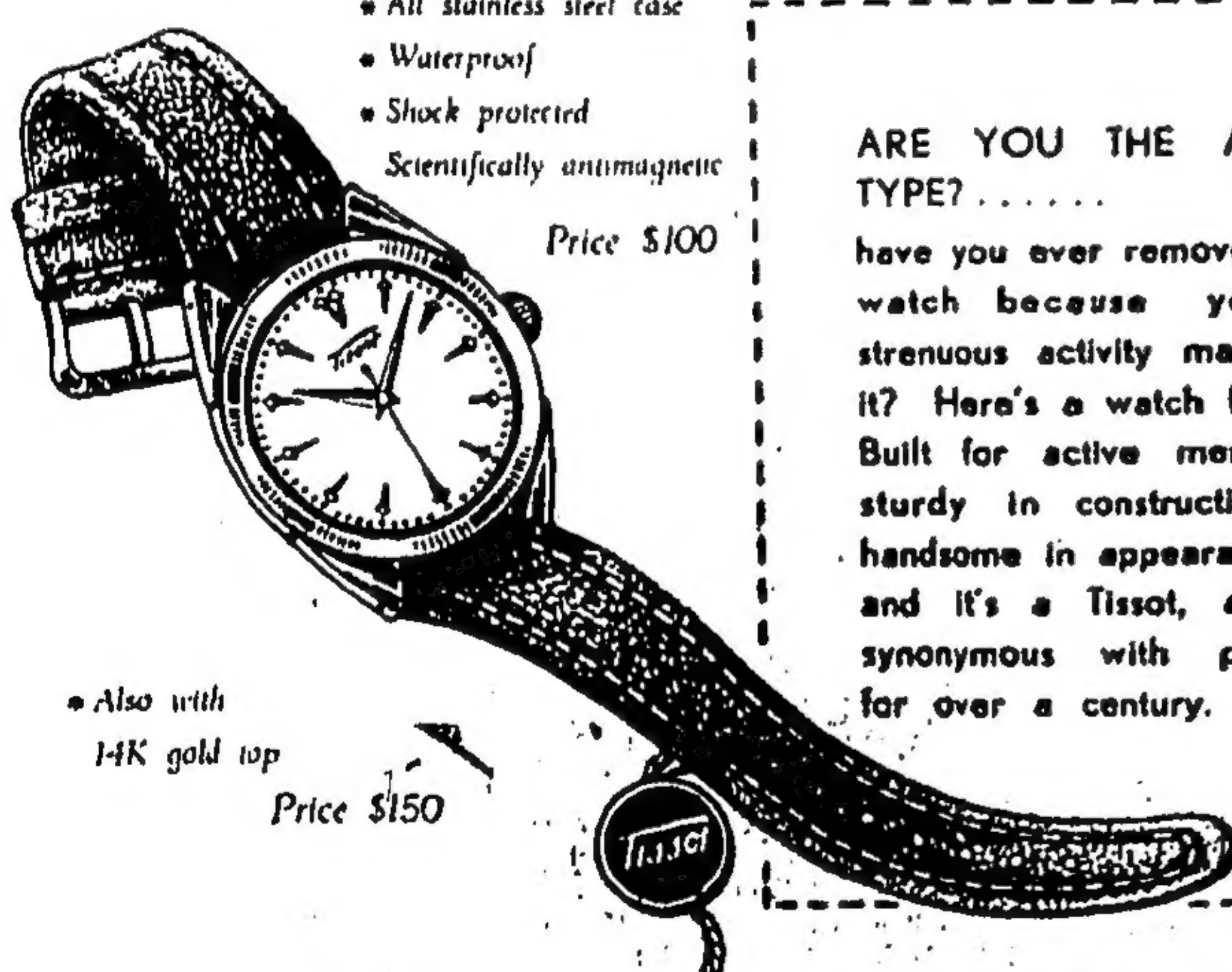
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THE LIGHTWEIGHT BRIGADE INVADERS LONDON

Must Englishmen continue to go out in the midday sun wearing suits as thick as carpet felt?

IS Sir Anthony Eden again setting the fashion pace for men? Years ago, he pioneered a hat. Now he is The Man in the Lightweight Suit. For Sir Anthony is one of the few public men in Britain who conspicuously changes his wardrobe during the summer.

British prejudice against lightweight clothes is deep-rooted. By convention, all upstanding Englishmen are supposed to sweat out the summer in hot serge.

Sir Anthony is defying convention. He rode to address the House on the Suez crisis wearing a bright blue lightweight suit. It was not only bright and light, it was shiny. The wool lightweight mixture, which at ready-made prices costs about 25 guineas a suit.

10oz. worsted. (Average weight of English suit-cloth is 16-18ozs.)

The Prime Minister looks conspicuous on the Government front bench. Butler, Macmillan, Monckton—most of the top men in the Cabinet adhere strictly to the striped-trouser, black-jacket mode.

And members of Parliament in general? Only a handful of them over

depart from the old, rigorous wear for politicians—a dark, heavy, long-sleeved suit. Leaders of this lightweight brigade are Alan Lennox-Boyd (Colonial Secretary), Commander Robert Allan (Sir Anthony's parliamentary day in a brown-and-cream striped American sweater), and Richard Stokes.

Mr Stokes, in the opinion of the House, rather exaggerates. He wears suits that are practically white.

Politicians can do it. In April—after creation with a pale grey double-breasted suit in the "Law" Banking—the

By **PETER CHAMBERS**

cool and still look smart.

Actors, of course, are permitted to dress like Americans. I saw Peter Ustinov the other day in a brown-and-cream striped American sweater. It was so light, it practically floated on him.

English tailors have never heard of sweaters, and it is virtually impossible to buy a sweater in London. What you can buy are plain-coloured

summer suits in unlined worsted. Prices: 14-22 guineas.

Not all Americans know how to dress for summer. Marilyn Monroe, sleek as a crocus, looked at fashion odds with her playwright husband Arthur Miller when they arrived in London.

He wore a light, ill-fitting linen jacket over dark trousers. He was badly dressed.

Commercial TV's newscaster Ludovic Kennedy came up on the screen the other night in his shirt-sleeves. "Hot, isn't it?" he said, obliquely casting this outrage on English clothes convention.

On the same night the BBC newscaster was wearing a dark lounge suit. But naturally.

Will Sir Anthony's fashion-setting example get the Englishman to change his ideas about summer clothes?

Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun... But why? Englishmen's dress is mad enough to do it in suits as thick as carpet felt.

This Funny World



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

SINCE it is taken for granted that Captain Foulmouth will turn up as usual on the Riviera this summer, there is much speculation on the name and disguise he will assume this year.

It is rumoured that a certain maharajah has already worried his way into two parties on board the yacht of the financier Hector Korutholom. But Foulmouth himself said recently to "Tubby" Frothing that the "maharajah" stunt has been rather overworked, and that people were more inclined to accept an Italian nobleman. Would this explain the presence among the guests at a film star's villa near Beaulieu of a descendant of the ancient Florentine family of Otto-Suero? Everyone is struck by the maharajah's luck at cards.

Intense concentration. The victim has no time to think of spreading newspapers. All his attention is fixed on tying himself in this complicated knot.

Cocklecarrot: It seems to me that stage of absurdity, he should go and live in a confectionery colony. In the modern world there is no place for a man who keeps on twisting his legs round his neck. It is an anti-social practice.

Nothing to do with me

The maharajah hit her in the face, she said, so she threw it back at him. (News Item)

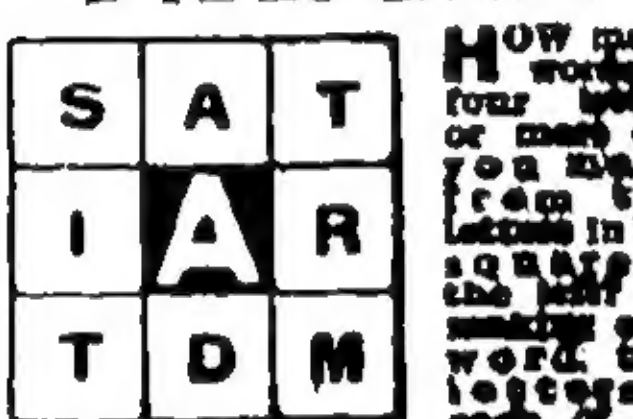
Evidently a boomerang, vouchsafed an Australian.

Was Mr Colehouse anti-social?

THE hotel manager having suggested that Mr Colehouse could have removed the pillow before dirtying it with his boots, Mr Gosselone produced a diagram prepared by a psychologist. This, he claimed, showed that, without a pillow to support his head, the defendant could not have dragged his legs round his neck. Mr Gosselone said that, even if this was granted, the fact remained that it was the defendant's determination to keep his boots on which led to the plaintiff's action in bringing this case. Why did not Mr Colehouse spread a newspaper over the pillow?

Goosefoot: This particular form of contortion requires

TARGET



small squares only be placed in the large square in the center. The large square in the center is the only one that can be placed in the large square in the center. The large square in the center is the only one that can be placed in the large square in the center.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: And full of... (The solution to the crossword puzzle from the previous day.)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

BORN today, you have a penetrating and keen mind. Science and mathematics are two things in which you will shine. Your capacity for sustained effort is exceptional. It is very likely that you will achieve a certain measure of success quite early in life. If you do not, you must never blame the stars! They say you should reach success: blame only your own lack of effort if you fail!

You have a quiet reserve but with it a nature which makes friends easily. There is no forced pretence in your nature for you are genuine and forthright in all your attachments. You do, however, have a high temper and it is apt to fly off the handle at unimportant matters while you remain calm and objective in the face of a major crisis. You are it appears, somewhat sensitive to what you consider a personal slight. You rise to your own defence, often losing your temper at the same time. This lessens the

impact of your opposition. Learn to remain poised even under the most petty annoyances. You women are especially attractive and are always popular with members of the opposite sex. You are fun-loving and probably a little less serious-minded than your masculine brothers under the stars. It is likely that you will have more than one offer of marriage before you make your selection of a life partner. Your marriage and home life should be an exceptionally happy and contented one.

Among those born on this date are: Antoine L. Lavoisier, chemist; Eugene O'Neill, playwright; John Brinley Scott, composer; John Pierce, scientist; and Mae Clark, silent film star.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Show enthusiasm about your work and you will find that you encourage the praise of the boss. A promotion?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Conscientious attention to duty will pay rewarding profits, so conscientious effort is a major objective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Use good judgment and your best wisdom in balancing the pros and cons of a situation, up for decision now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Make future plans and then stick to them. Indiscreetly if you want to make the indicated progress now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A day to press for some important objective. See that you know what you want and what is more—go after it!

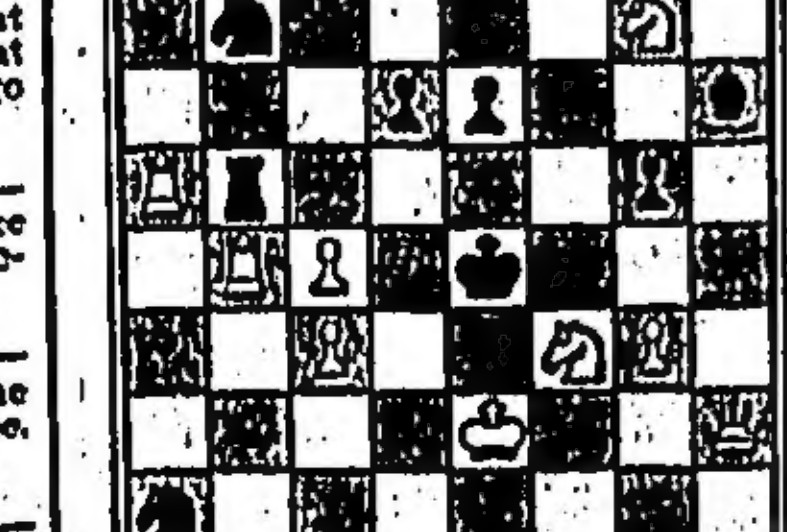
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Fine prospects. See that you take full advantage of what a constructive attitude brings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—After putting things in order for the week-end at home or in the office, plan to relax tensions.

CHess PROBLEM

By N. PETROVICH

Black, 10 pieces



White, 0 pieces. White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. R-Kt3, threat 2. PxBP. 2. P-KP, 2. R-QR3. 3. P-B3, 2. Kt-RP, 1. P-R3, 2. Kt-J3.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Singleton: Makes No-Trump Woes

By OSWALD JACOBY

YOU will usually find it easier to win nine tricks at a trump than 11 tricks at a minor suit. However, "usually" doesn't mean "always." A successful player must be able to spot the hands that will not play well at no-trump.

In today's hand, South was not successful. He shouldn't have bid three no-trump and he was justly punished.

West opened the jack of spades, and South was a doomed man. He couldn't win nine tricks without tackling the hearts, but the moment hearts were touched East could take the ace of hearts and four remaining spades, defeating the contract.

Now let's get back to the bidding. South could see a singleton spade in his own hand. North's raise in diamonds in-

NORTH		16
♠ A 7 6 2	♥ A 7 6 2	
♦ Q 3	♣ Q 3	
♠ J 10 9 7 4	♥ J 10 9 7 4	
♦ 8 3	♣ 8 3	
♠ Q 8 6 4	♥ Q 8 6 4	
SOUTH (D)		
♠ 3	♥ 3	
♦ K 9 7 4 3	♣ K 9 7 4 3	
♠ A K 10 5	♥ A K 10 5	
♦ A K 2	♣ A K 2	
North-South vul		
♠ 1 ♠ Pass	♥ 1 ♠ Pass	
♦ 2 ♦ Pass	♥ 2 ♦ Pass	
♣ 3 NT Pass	♣ 3 NT Pass	
Opening lead—♠ J		

icated that North had no more than a doubleton in hearts—perhaps even a singleton. Short suits in both hands should have dictated a trump rather than a no-trump contract.

At diamonds, South easily makes 12 tricks. As we have seen, at no-trump only eight tricks can be made. The slam at diamonds depends on a perfect fit and on fairly good suit breaks, but the game at diamonds is practically unbeatable and should be bid.

Instead of three no-trump, South should bid four clubs. If North can then jump to five diamonds, South will go on to six. Actually, North can bid only four diamonds, and South can then afford to bid only five.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been North East South West 1 Heart 2 Diamonds you, South, hold AK 7 2 ♠ 7 2 5 ♠ 4 ♠ Q K J 3 2

What do you do?

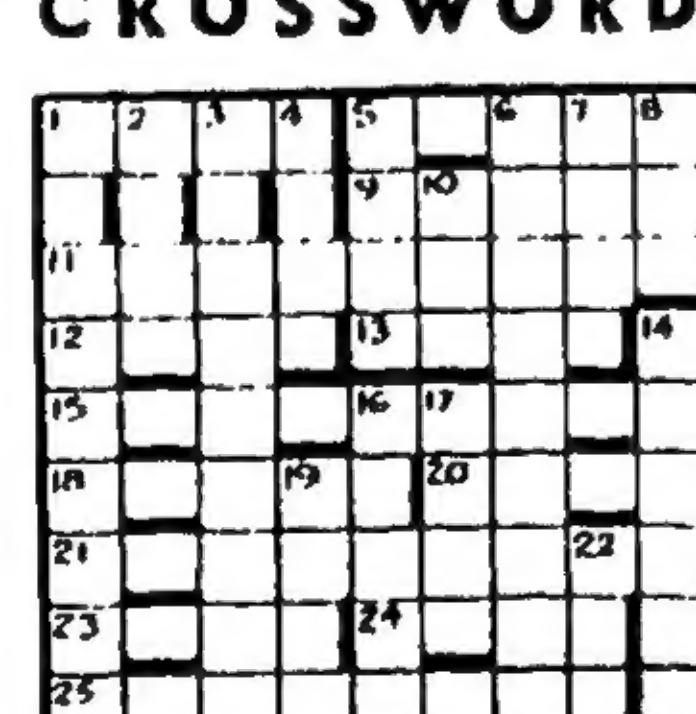
A—Bid three no-trump. This bid shows balanced distribution, stoppers in the opponent's suit and about 15 or 16 points.

TODAY'S QUESTION The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: AK 7 2 ♠ 7 2 5 ♠ 4 ♠ Q K J 3 2

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



Across
1. "Women in our house of..." (5)
5. Quiet, top driver! A penny later. (5)
9. Lay off about. (5)
11. Former. (4)
13. Irish but not a man? (4)
15. Roof. (4)
17. Cockles and mussels are in song. (6)
20. The beautiful spy. (4)
21. Worth writing home about? Not apparently. (9)
23. Rearrange tile. (4)
24. One of Scandinavian trio. (4)
26. Are they never at the centre of things? (8)

Down
1. They never, it is said, forget. (6)
2. City just ripe for a rax. (4)
3. Brawl. (4)
4. They are looked after by 25. (4)
6. Corn in its mixed up. (9)
8. This provides a lot of colour. (6)
10. Both were, too! (5)
12. This kind of horse is needed for a race. (6)
14. Yards on. (4)
17. The last. (4)
18. Round. (4)
19. Lady. (4)
22. This down. (4)
25. A. (4)
26. A. (4)

WOMANSENSE

Two Major Trends Emerge From The German Collections—

The Empire Line And The Kelly Look

By Magda Meyer

BASICALLY, in the German autumn collections, there are two silhouettes: the trend towards the high bustline, drawing on the Empire line for inspiration; and a casual, very natural and uncluttered line of almost timeless elegance as exemplified by the simple shirt-maker dress.

These two main tendencies apply to all leading model houses, but all designers show their own individual interpretation, with many variations. In coats, ensembles, suits, after-ski models and evening dresses.

The persistence of the Empire theme in all collections is proof that designers continue to glorify graceful, feminine lines. Hence, their predilection for softer fabrics and flatterings, supple wool jerseys. The latter, in particular, are predicted a bright future.

VARIETY

Reminiscences of the Empire fashion period are never unduly exaggerated, but adapted to the general pattern of modern life. The bustline is accentuated and the waistline is placed where it belongs, although the high-waisted look is often achieved by means of clever drapes, harmoniously styled and prettily folded neckline treatment, high-placed collar belts, tabs, bows and other accessories designed to highlight a short and graceful bodice.

These Empire line characteristics are particularly evident in sheaths for day and dressy afternoon wear of deceptively simple styling. They never have a nipped in waistline, the waist is indicated by a gentle curving of seams and subtly-placed darts.

Variety is introduced by adding brief jackets. Tiny little boleros, spencers or cummerbotts reach to about 5 inches above the waistline and again achieve the Empire line effect. These jackets have in most cases narrow ¾ length sleeves, long buttoning and high-fasting yokes are further details worthy of interest.

CASUAL NOTE

The second successful trend is the casual note as expressed in the shirtmaker style, which, in the United States, is occasionally termed the "Kelly Look". This type of

dress is by no means confined to actual shirt dresses with regular pleated shirt front, but applies to a style trend which embodies a sense of natural proportions avoiding all undue extravagance.

As a result of this silhouette, the casual cowhide belt has made a welcome reappearance. It is worn at waist level, thus separating the top from a fanciful skirt section.

Skirts are slightly narrower than of late and often feature decorative folds or pleats. Whether they are pressed or unpressed, entirely depends on the type of the dress. The popularity of the chemise has even captured the field of formal attire.

ENSEMBLES

Evening dresses styled along the shirtmaker line are exceptionally young looking and new and rely on precious materials, including wool broadweave, in deep, rich tones for their appeal. Full-skirted, ankle-length models frequently feature a shirtwaist top, high neckline and small collar.

The theme of separates and co-ordinates is re-emphasized in all collections on the count of their versatility allowing for a wide variety of interchangeable outfits. As always, great attention has been paid to 3-and 4-piece ensembles, suits with matching loppers or brief coats.

Incidentally, the influence of high-grade woollens in new patterns and designs is noticeable in the trend of styling for the coming autumn and winter. Among the latter, Prince of Wales checks in an almost unlimited selection of designs take pride of place in all collections, followed by shepherd's and houndstooth checks and wool plaids.

FABRIC NEWS

It is interesting to note that while clear-cut, contrasting designs were holding popular preference last spring, there is a definite move now towards blurred designs in darker tones.

The latest novelty cloths include finely-patterned dress woollens. They are already firmly established with model houses. These weaves are of almost coarse, rustic structure and have a casual appearance. Restrained in their colour chart, they are hard to identify when viewed at a distance and give the illusion of monotonous. Dead-



TOP LEFT: Youthful-looking dress in slate-coloured wool featuring a shallow neckline and full skirt. A leather belt at waistline level also marks the transition from top to skirt when teamed with a bloused jacket. Both the dress and the jacket show the same intricate tuck detail at the sleeve head. TOP RIGHT: This wrap-around coat in beige-coloured, diagonally-patterned lightweight wool is designed to meet the popular demand for casualness. Buttonless, the model fastens with a self-belt. While the styling of the sleeves points to a classic silhouette, the generous air is achieved by the high collar in brown beaver. BOTTOM LEFT: An autumn suit in sand-coloured duveten styled along the softly-moulded silhouette. The cuffs and cap in ocelot are toned to harmonise with the round shade of the fabric. The cut-on sleeves are three-quarter length and gradually widen out. BOTTOM RIGHT: A cone-shaped silhouette emerges as the result of this generous cut which almost ignores the contours of the body line. Although the front appears shallow, fullness and the cut-on sleeves effect are carried to the back. Wool fleece is the material used. A slant velvet bow at the collar provides a charming contrast.

leaf and other autumnal shades are the most in demand. All these fabrics are loose textured, rough or even dry handling.

The tendency towards soft materials for stylish afternoon dresses makes wool mainline the very fabric of fashion. In addition to wool georgette returning to the fashion picture, wool twill, wool satin and wool jersey are rating high in importance.

POPULAR TONES

A report on current fashion and the latest style trends would be incomplete without mentioning the expanding boutique sections that have sprung up everywhere. Here, they feature a tremendous variety of separates and co-ordinates forming interchangeable sets. Most interesting of them all are the many after-ski suggestions favouring full

brocade skirts teamed with plain knitted or jersey wool sweaters.

As regards colours, greys—with the exception of very dark tones—have been ousted by brown shades and are second in popularity. There are many neutral tones where it is impossible to say whether they are trending towards brown or green.

Apart from these soft tones, there is still a wide range of pastel shades such as beige, sand, honey, sky, lapis lazuli, flame red and coral. Promising are olive, terracotta, a series of brownish colours and a glowing copper version.

Contrary to forecasts voiced in some quarters that black will lose ground still further, it should be mentioned that it is extensively featured in afternoon wear for all age groups.

To Boost Your Morale —

Get a Cossack Hat for Winter

By EILEEN ASCROFT

I SAW the last of the important Paris collections the other day. It was, perhaps, the best of all. Cossack, like Balenciaga, is a Spaniard and brings some of the colourful pageantry of the bullring to his clothes.

I liked his romantic hooded cloaks, his rich brocaded satins and colour scheme of violet with white.

After viewing thousands of dresses and suits, and many hundreds of hats, these are my Paris fashion pointers for winter:

Cossack hats: You will have to buy one of these. In velvet or fur, they are very dashing, and can be worn straight or at an angle.

Capes: If you are very tall and slender a cape is for you. But if you are under 5 ft 5 in leave them severely alone.

Suits: If you are looking for something right up to date it will be in red, black, blue or violet. It will be in a hopsack or basket-weave wool, and have rounded shoulders and three-quarter sleeves. The jacket will be shorter than last season.

Evening frocks: If it is a new evening dress you are planning draped chiffon is news in Paris—in the pale colours of sugar almonds. All the leading designers show them.

Shoes: Still those very pointed toes. But lots of aluminium super-strong slender heels. And no more gold or silver for evening wear. All dresses now have slippers and gloves dyed to match.

Dresses: Take your choice of what suits you. The sheath is still high fashion. Though Dior shows a fuller skirt with a padded hip-line, the former is certainly more flattering.

Cocktail gowns: They tend to be full-skirted over layers of petticoats. An attractive young style that has never quite gone out of fashion.

But if your purse is slender and you want to achieve the new winter look on a shoestring, my advice is plump for one of the new Cossack hats. It will do more for your morale than anything else you can buy.

How To Choose Flattering Jewellery

By JEANNE D'ARCY

WOMEN spend hours choosing lipstick, pondering the proper powder shade, wondering which hairdo will prove becoming. But very few give any thought to beauty aspects when purchasing costume jewellery.

It's a mistake. That's the word from a company famous for its costume gems. They feel women should think in beauty terms when outfitting themselves with earrings and necklaces.

For Round Face

With a round face, for example, a drop earring is preferable. It draws the eye down, gives the face the illusion of length. For a long, narrow face, wear a button earring or one that sweeps up on the ear to give the illusion of broadening and lifting the face.

If your neck is short and fat, or even short and thin, a long necklace will elongate the line. A choker, on the other hand, tends to cut the neckline and make the neck seem shorter than ever. With a giraffe-like neck, the opposite is true, and nothing, but nothing, is better than a choker.

Consider The Colour

Even colour should be a big consideration. With a tan or black outfit, white jewellery provides a dramatic touch. With silvery hair, mauve- and apple-coloured jewels are a soft, glowing accent. Turquoise makes blue eyes seem even bluer and nothing does more for a green-eyed girl than emerald-coloured gems. For brown eyes, wear gleaming amber and, if skin tends to be sallow, consider rose quartz. Take care in selecting jewels and you'll really sparkle with beauty.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf Visits The Pond

—He Finds That Some Folks Really Like Mud—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow boy, walked along the edge of the pond saying in a loud voice: "A fine pond this is! All full of mud!"

"How's that?" said a frog, putting its head up out of the water. "I said this was a fine pond. It's all full of mud."

"So it is," answered the frog. "What do you want at the bottom of a pond—a sidewalk?"

Knarf didn't bother arguing with the frog, especially as the frog wisely dived down under the water again (and probably head-first into the mud). A few yards further on Knarf saw some ducks paddling around.

"Better not stick your heads in," Knarf said. "This pond is full of mud."

Loud Cackles

The ducks glanced at each other, curiously for a moment, then they burst into loud cackles or more correctly, quacks. "Full of mud, he says! Full of mud! If this pond weren't full of mud we wouldn't find anything to eat in it and we wouldn't come down here at all. Full of mud he says! That's wonderful!"

And one after the other, they tipped over with their heads in the mud and their tails in the air.

standing on the edge and looking into the water.

"What's in this pond besides water?" the chicken asked.

"Mud," said Knarf. "Soft mud, full of things to eat."

"Really?" asked the chicken. "The frog likes it," said Knarf. "The ducks like it. You'll probably like it, too."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the chicken in an insatiable tone. "I may be a chicken but I'm not a fool. So it's full of mud, is it? Well, the frog can like it and the ducks can like it, and for all I know you can like it. But I'll have nothing to do with it. This

pond is nothing but a big mud puddle. Good-bay!"

Knarf smiled as she strutted off, bobbing her head indignantly as she went. "Chickens know what they're talking about." Then he added: "Maybe frogs and ducks do, too. Maybe mud is good for some folks, bad for others."

Then Knarf went singing down the road.

This is the song he sang:

I'm not very fond
Of my little pond
The bottom's too cozy
And wozzle and squozzle
But if I was a duckie
I'd consider it lucky
To find such a pond.
I'm terribly fond
Of anything oozy
And wozzle and squozzle.



"How's that?" said a frog, putting its head out of the water.

Rupert and the Fire Bird—37



Making straight for one of the higher turrets, the bird, little bear bravely, said: "Well, you'd better think of it, Rupert!" and as it stretched its great wings and soared into the sky, Rupert the bear was left staring after it. "This is the palace of the King of the Birds and we're expecting that he'll be here at any minute," said the other bear.

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MODERNISED BRITISH FLEET

World's Most Up-To-Date Aircraft Carriers

Portsmouth, Aug. 15.

The recent departure from this big British naval base of two aircraft carriers, Theseus and Bulwark, and other warships for the eastern Mediterranean has focussed attention on the steady postwar modernisation of the British fleet.

It has particularly emphasised the fact that Britain has the most modern fleet of aircraft carriers actually in commission. There are seven of them, with the glen, Eagle and Ark Royal, both nearly 37,000 tons displacement, as the pride of the fleet.

The United States has recently brought the mammoth 70,000-ton Forrestal into commission, and other large American carriers are following, but for the moment Britain takes pride of place for an operational fleet of postwar carriers.

Notable Additions

This summer has also seen some notable additions to British naval strength in the frigate category.

In July alone two more ships of the Blackwood class of frigates, the Keppel and the Pelaw, were provisionally ordered from the builders, and the name-ships of another new class of frigate, the Whitby, joined the first of her class, the Torquay, at sea.

The Hardy, commissioned last December, was the first frigate specially designed and built, instead of adapted from an existing hull, to meet the special conditions of the atomic age as a submarine-killer.

These large prefabricated and all-welded frigates are fitted with the latest electronic equipment for locating and destroying submarines, and seem almost miraculous in their automatic accuracy and tenacity once it has pinpointed its underwater target.

It also has a hull form enabling it to maintain high speed in heavy seas, and is streamlined in such a way as to resist atomic bomb concussion and to wash away deadly atomic contamination.

The captain of such a ship controls his vessel from a specially protected command position when in action, and is surrounded by a great array of electronic devices which give him a picture of the ocean around him and of air, surface or under-water enemies.

Armament

These ships are about 300 feet long and have a peacetime complement of seven officers and 104 men.

The larger Whitby class, about 370 feet long and with nine officers and 180 men, are also an electronic marvel and have the heavier armament of twin 4.5 inch guns and torpedo tubes.

Officers serving in these latest frigates believe that once they "lock onto" a submarine, it has very little chance of escape.

Two other ultra-modern types of frigate now coming forward are the so-called "Cat" class, with names such as Leopard and Lynx, and the "Cathartes" named after such English cathedral towns as Salisbury.

The first of these types is designed as an anti-aircraft ship, with a hull resembling the Whitby class but a little shorter, and a silhouette showing the naval architect's present ideas with a minimum of bridgework, no funnels and short masts with an impressive array of radar aerials.

Guided-weapons

The Cathartes are equipped to work as aircraft directed ships, controlling the operation of planes in conjunction with ships.

Another naval milestone this summer has been the commissioning of the Girdle Ness, a former landing-craft maintenance ship built in Canada, as the Royal Navy's first guided-weapons trials ship.

She has now gone to sea with a score or more of civilian experts of the Royal Navy Scientific Service and the Ministry of Supply to conduct the first British sea-borne tests of guided missiles.

These are some of the latest aspects of a Navy which, although it ranks well after the United States and Russian navies in terms of ship and personnel numbers, is still a very powerful factor in modern sea warfare on a global scale.

Unofficial

A recent authoritative, but unofficial, assessment of the strength of the Royal Navy, based on the Navy Estimates and explanatory statement for

the fiscal year 1956-57 gave the following picture:

Ships in commission and actually operational: Seven modern aircraft carriers, ten cruisers, two fast minelayers, eight "Daring" class super-destroyers, 24 ordinary destroyers, more than 50 frigates, 44 submarines, 65 minesweepers, 23 coastal craft, eight large landing ships, seven surveying ships and 41 fleet support vessels.

In addition, most of the following ships in reserve or undergoing extended refit, modernisation or conversion could be brought forward fairly quickly in an emergency: five fast battleships, seven aircraft carriers, 12 cruisers, 44 destroyers, 110 frigates, 46 submarines, 189 minesweepers, 41 coastal craft, 54 large landing ships, 74 fleet support vessels, one fast minelayer and one surveying ship. Most of these vessels are "mothballed."

Modern Cruisers

Frigates and minesweepers in particular are still taking shape in many shipyards, and three of the most modern cruisers in the world, of the Tiger class, are well advanced, and will mount the latest in heavy guns with an unprecedented rate of fire.

Finally, in calculating British naval strength it must be remembered that in time of war such Commonwealth countries as Australia and Canada can add appreciably to the Motherland's naval strength with aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, frigates, — China Mail Special.

One Ton Lead Keel Smuggled

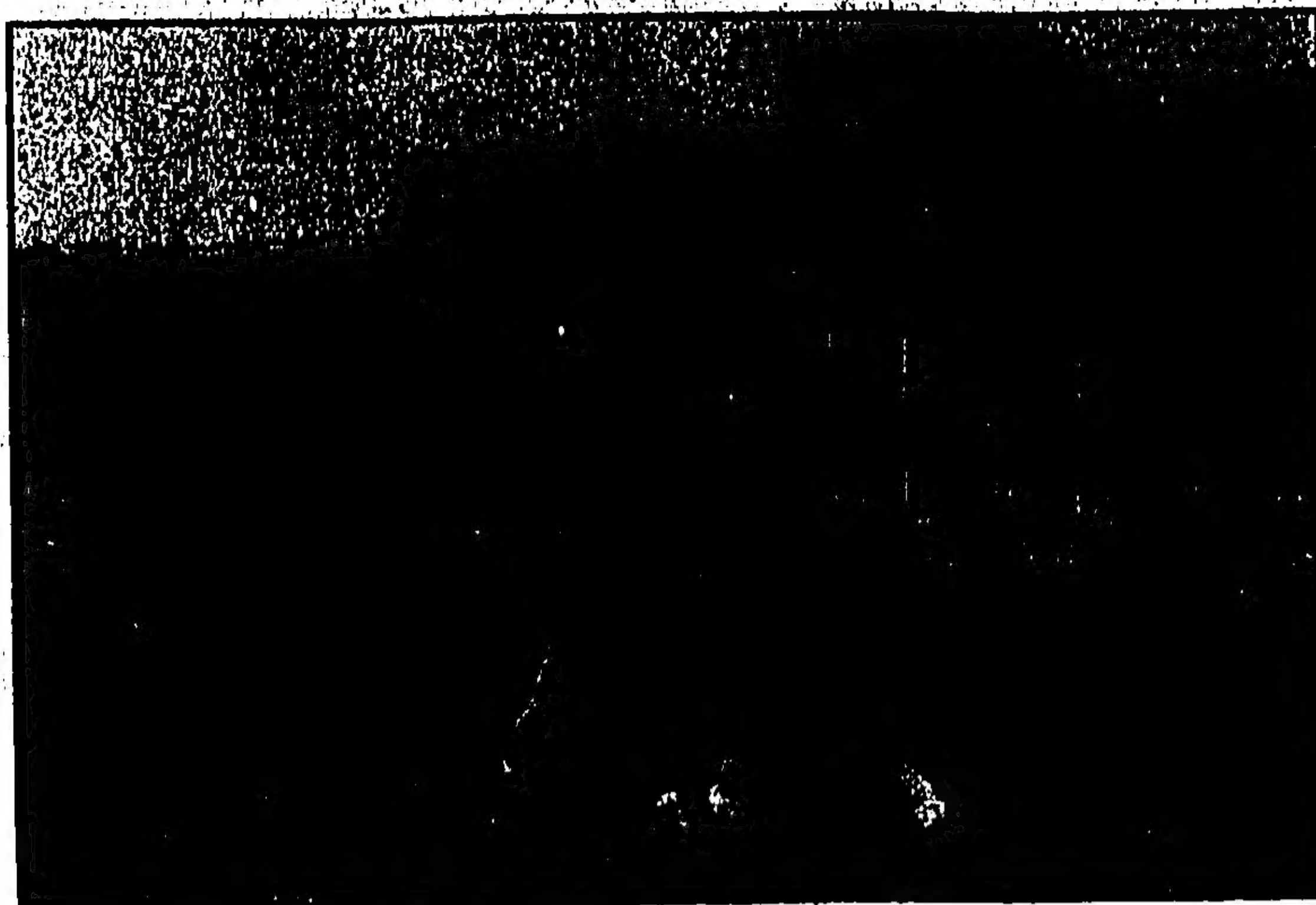
Capetown, Aug. 15

A very bewildered man is Mr Norman Goodall, of Three Anchor Bay, Capetown, the owner of the yacht Anellia, which was dashed against the quay in a northwesterly gale.

The boat lay in shallow water in the yacht basin, but thieves, by means of two 20 ft wooden skids and probably also a breakdown lorry, stole her ton-weight lead keel, valued at £300, in one of the most daring raids carried out in the Table Bay harbour.

How the thieves managed to carry out this 10ft long lead keel and convey it through the customs is still a mystery, although Mr Goodall thinks that the lead was broken up into small pieces and carried out of the harbour. — China Mail Special.

BOXING AT PALACE



Disabled ex-Servicemen boxers form a "ring" in the grounds of Buckingham Palace as Lew Lazar and Jack Gardner take part in an exhibition bout. It was part of the entertainment at the garden party and tea given by the King and Queen for disabled ex-Servicemen from hospitals all over the country. — Reuters photo.

PRAYER BEFORE MURDER

Athens, Aug. 15.

A 19-year-old beautiful brunette, Marika Kalatzaki, shot her ex-husband, 36-year-old Minas Stamatakis, after she had been to church to light a candle and pray for forgiveness for the act she was contemplating.

Marika had been the lover of Minas, a wealthy leather merchant of Heraklion, Crete.

When he killed her and married another girl she warned him of her revenge. Minas, however, took the matter lightly, saying that this was "women's talk."

Marika shot Minas five times with a revolver. — China Mail Special.

Big Emigrant Family Arrives

Melbourne, Aug. 15.

The 13-strong Green family from Britain, the largest British family to come to Australia this year under the personal nomination scheme for emigrants, has settled in at Creswick, near Ballarat in Victoria's Western District.

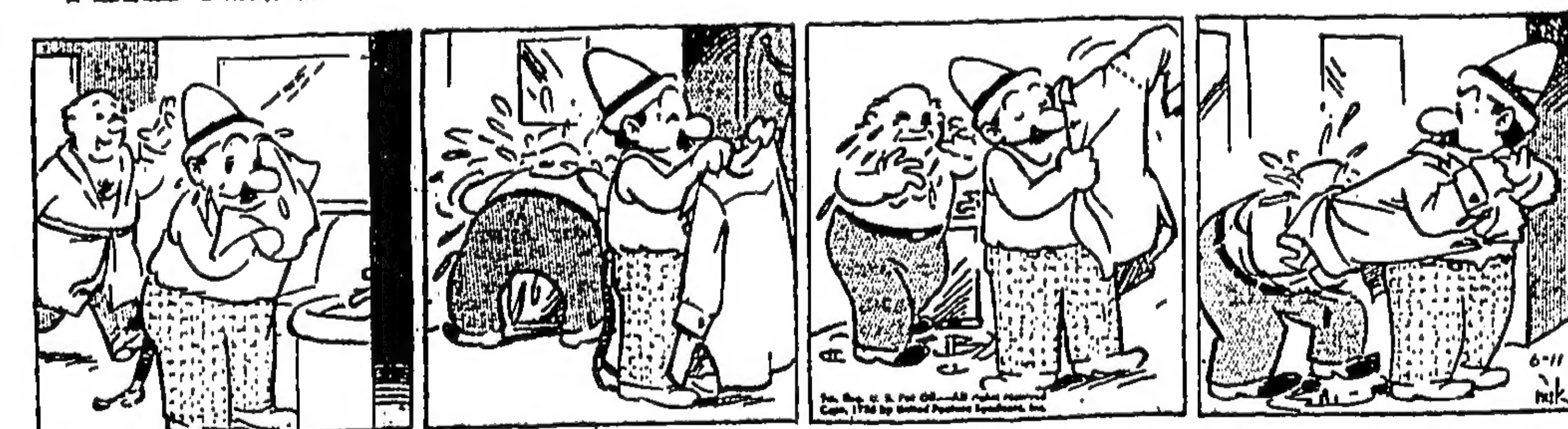
There are seven red-heads in the family—Mr and Mrs Green and five of the children. Mr Green, a tiler, went straight to a job with a Ballarat tiling company. — China Mail Special.

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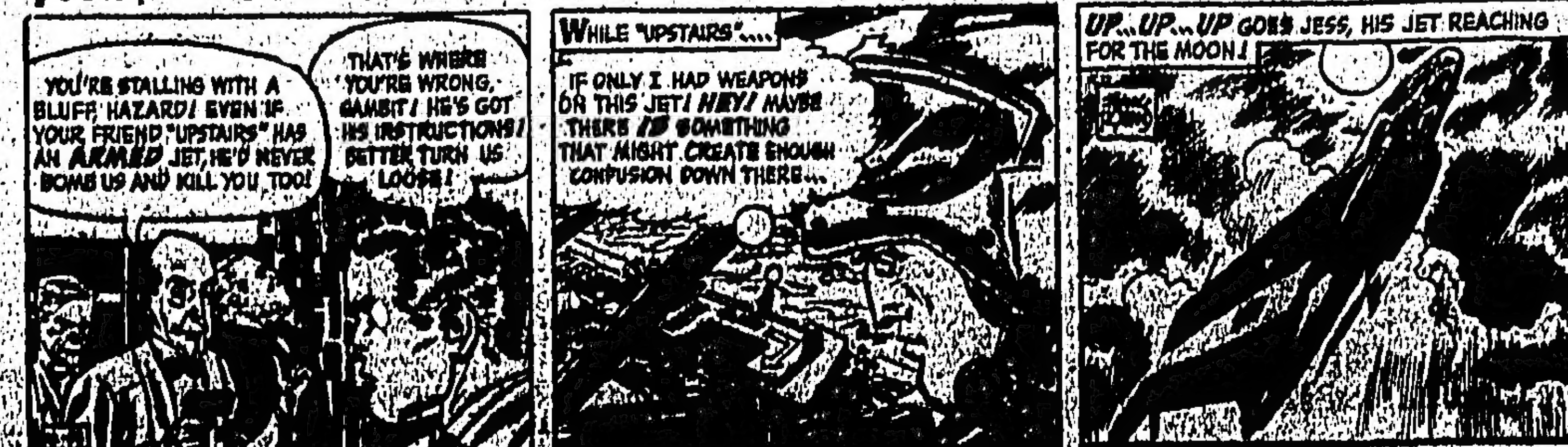
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West Germany Eases Tourist Restrictions

By PETER JOHNSON

Bonn, Aug. 15.

West Germany is going all out this year to make things easier for tourists.

The removal of some of the irksome border formalities is good for business—and travel agencies confidently forecast that they will beat last year's record of at least 7,500,000 nights by foreigners, who spent about 1,000,000,000 marks (about £83,000,000 sterling).

The "streamlining" for tourists travelling by car starts at the frontier. Only the driver need normally leave a car entering the country. He can show his passengers' passports for them. The car itself has become cheaper to bring in. A simplified document valid for a year costs two marks (about four shillings sterling), instead of three marks (about five shillings sterling) for a month as before.

DRIVING EASIER

West Germany hopes that other countries will also introduce these and other simplifications.

Foreigners will find driving easier thanks to the introduction of pictorial road signs. A row in a triangle, for instance, warns of cattle crossing, while a man shovelling snow means that there is road work going on.

Local authorities have been told to get rid of all unnecessary signs.

On the country's four-lane highways a further 125 emergency telephones have been set at intervals of about one mile. From them, drivers can contact the nearest road control station in case of accident, breakdown or traffic disturbance.

By 1961 these telephones will have been put up along the whole network of four-lane highways.

The German General Automobile Club, which also looks after members of associated organisations abroad, has introduced well-equipped vans to control and supply its 60 motorcycle patrolmen.

The patrol men can summon the van for help if unable to

cope themselves with any difficulty which may arise on the road. The vans contain large quantities of spare parts, repair tools, fuel and first-aid kits.

MOVING INSPECTION

For the motorist who does not want to drive all the way to his chosen holiday area there are several long-distance trains which take cars as if they were luggage. An example of the cost of this "picnicker" service is about 100 marks (about £8 sterling) for the 420-mile stretch from Hamburg to Basel—right across the country.

An increasing number of trains crossing the border into West Germany will not have to wait for passport and customs controls. Instead, officials will inspect luggage and stamp documents while the train is moving.

The Federal Railways are fitting their new coaches with signs, such as the instruction not to lean out of the windows, in four languages—German, Italian, French and English. Previously only the three continental languages had been used.

Mothers with children can take advantage of the re-introduction of a scheme which the Nazis started—special compartments reserved for them on trains. Families with more than two children receive fare reductions.

Twelve long-distance trains will have couchette cars—"semi-sleepers" fitted with comfortable chairs which can be slanted at night time. The couchettes cost about four marks (about eight shillings sterling), including a pillow and blanket.

HOTELS REOPENED

Many hotels which had been requisitioned since the war have reopened for this summer's season. Now and then old-fashioned youth hostels have also been opened recently, including one in picturesque Rothenburg-Tauber near Nuremberg and another on Mount Feldberg in the Black Forest.

Many camping sites have been opened or improved. Organized camping sites for holidaymakers were hardly known here 10 years ago. One at Murnau on Lake Staffelsee in the Bavarian mountains shows their growing popularity: it increased its attendance from 422 campers in 1952 to 5,978 last year.

HIGH STANDARD

Charges are usually around 50 pfennigs (about 10 pence sterling) per person a night.

West German hotels, with a generally high standard of service, cleanliness and comfort, differ widely in price. The average for bed and breakfast is around 12 marks (about £1 sterling), but smaller hotels offer this for as little as five marks (about eight shillings and sixpence sterling). — China Mail Special.

VULTURES TO BE PROTECTED

Pretoria, Aug. 15.

An old hunter's tradition that vultures, as the "cleaners" of the veld and bush, should not be harmed, has now been given the force of law. All types of vultures have become protected birds in the Transvaal.

The decision to give them full protection had been taken because they lived only on the flesh of dead animals and thus did no harm, but only good, said the Director of Nature Conservation in the Transvaal.

Vultures are protected in Natal, and in many countries outside South Africa all birds of prey are protected. Leopards are protected in most African territories north of the Limpopo.

MORE GOOD

The birds of prey are protected because almost all do far more good than harm, in spite of "horror stories" about chickens, lambs and even babies being snatched away and torn to pieces.

Small animals which cause greater damage than the birds of prey are the main victims of the hawks, falcons and eagles.

Leopards, too, do more good than harm, keeping down the baboons. Baboons do far more damage than the leopard, which acquires a taste for calves or sheep and is shot as a result. — China Mail Special.



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SECURITIES
HIGHER
IN LONDON

London, Aug. 15. Spirited buying of top grade securities sent prices higher in nearly all sections of the London Exchange today.

Gains ranged to about 4 1/2 pence for a most popular view of the Middle East situation and were impressed by a few good earnings reports.

British Government bonds advanced, particularly strong with advance in Old Consols and War Loan premium.

SELECTIVE BASIS

Industrial shares bought on a selective basis with Royal Dutch rising more than 3 shillings. British-American Tobacco paid a strong tobacco group, up more than 2 shillings.

Oil, which attracted a great deal of selling, fell 1/2 shilling. Royal Dutch was off in final with a gain of 1/2 shilling.

Suez Canal rested a gain of 3 1/2 pence.

In the foreign bond section, Germans opened strongly but lost their gains and closed fractionally lower. Japanese were nearly unchanged. United Press.

NEW YORK METAL
FUTURES

New York, Aug. 15. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead August 15 100 1/2
September 100 1/2
October 100 1/2
November 100 1/2
December 100 1/2

Zinc August 15 100 1/2
September 100 1/2
October 100 1/2
November 100 1/2
December 100 1/2

Copper August 15 100 1/2
September 100 1/2
October 100 1/2
November 100 1/2
December 100 1/2

United Press.

LONDON METAL
PRICES

London, Aug. 15. Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin 3-month 110 1/2
3-month 110 1/2
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3-month 110 1/2

Lead 1st half 110 1/2
2nd half 110 1/2
3rd half 110 1/2
4th half 110 1/2
5th half 110 1/2

Zinc 1st half 110 1/2
2nd half 110 1/2
3rd half 110 1/2
4th half 110 1/2
5th half 110 1/2

United Press.

NEW YORK SILK
FUTURES

New York, Aug. 15. Silk futures today closed one cent lower with no sales reported.

Closing prices in dollars and cents were:

September 4 25
October 4 25
November 4 25
December 4 25
January 4 25

United Press.

New York Cotton
Trading Slows
After Firm Start

New York, Aug. 15. Cotton trading slowed down considerably today with prices turning easier after a firm start.

At the close, the list ruled eight points lower to four points higher, with the distant October delivery showing the gain. The market opened seven to 10 higher. New Orleans closed one to 7 lower. Prices rose as much as 50 cents a bale at the outset on routine price fixing but there was no follow-through and the list drifted lower.

Traders appeared to be cautious because of the increased volume of hedging attracted yesterday when most deliveries hit new seasonal highs.

The list held close to the previous close throughout the rest of the day as a fair amount of mill prices fading absorbed local liquidation and profit-taking. Hedging continued light.

Traders are looking around for fresh incentives. The proposed 90 per cent of parity support price instead of an expected 100 per cent in the Democratic farm plank had been discounted by the trade.

Certificated stocks of all cotton totaled 4,072 bales, down 72,000 from the previous year.

October 27,700 248,700
November 27,700 248,700
December 27,700 248,700
January 27,700 248,700
February 27,700 248,700

United Press.

Sea Leaves A Fortune
On BeachWORLD
RUBBER
MARKETS

New York, Aug. 15.

The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed unchanged to 70 points lower with a loss of 103 cents.

The standard contract closed 70 to 80 points, low 1 with a loss of 103 cents.

The No. 2 contract closed 40 to 50 points, low 1 with a loss of 43 cents.

Closing prices:

No. 1 RSS 37.60
No. 2 RSS 34.60

Standard contract 34.60
No. 1 RSS 37.60
No. 2 RSS 34.60

REX contract 34.60
No. 1 RSS 37.60
No. 2 RSS 34.60

Futures prices declined in line with lower prices at London. Interest was dull as most traders awaited tomorrow's trading at London on the Suez Canal situation. Spot No. 1 RSS quoted nominally at 36 1/2 cents.

SINGAPORE

The market sagged after a steady opening because of lack of support and some liquidation by holders. At lower levels in the afternoon there was some trade support in evidence.

There was little factory interest during the day. Futures: Standard rubber per lb. 100 1/2-100 1/2

No. 1 rubber per lb. 100 1/2-100 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb. 100 1/2-100 1/2

United Press.

LONDON

The market was easy. Prices closed in pence per lb. as follows:

No. 1 RSS 20 1/2-20 1/2
No. 2 RSS 20 1/2-20 1/2
No. 3 RSS 20 1/2-20 1/2

United Press.

AMSTERDAM

The market was quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Sept. as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2 1/2-2 1/2
No. 2 rubber 2 1/2-2 1/2
No. 3 rubber 2 1/2-2 1/2

United Press.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 32 1/2
October 32 1/2
November 32 1/2
December 32 1/2
January 32 1/2

United Press.

KARACHI

New crop prices recovered today in sympathy with higher overseas prices and strong local demand. The market about duty reduction from commencement of new season next September.

For the old crop there was only a little interest.

Prices closed today in rupees per pound as follows:

48 Punjab roller 75 1/2
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United Press.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

48 Punjab roller 75 1/2
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48 Punjab roller 75 1/2

Sea Leaves A Fortune
On BeachMINERAL WEALTH
FOUND IN
AUSTRALIA'S SAND

Sydney, Aug. 15.

Every breaker which rolls in from the Pacific to thunder on Australia's eastern coastline promises to add national wealth from much wanted minerals dumped on the sands.

Their uses range from aircraft building to naval smoke screens.

New uses, new processes are creating ever-increasing interest in what quantities and quality of rutile, zircon and other minerals in short supply Australia can win from more than a thousand miles stretch of beaches and sand dunes extending from south of Sydney to New South Wales to beyond the Queensland capital of Brisbane.

Already the beach sands have made substantial contributions to the national economy. Last year Australia exported nearly £4,000,000 (£3,200,000 sterling) worth of rutile and zircon concentrates and, according to the National Development Minister, Senator William Spooner, there is production ahead for up to 20 years from high-grade deposits alone.

In peace it plays its part in sky writing; in war it is the base for naval smoke-screens. China Mail Special.

returning to the shore the mineral wealth washed down rivers over the centuries from the hinterland, to be used all over the world in metal, ceramic, electrical, paint, welding and other industries.

Its spectacular use is in aircraft building, for rutile is the basic material for the manufacture of the wonder metal titanium.

In peace it plays its part in sky writing; in war it is the base for naval smoke-screens. China Mail Special.

CHICAGO GRAIN
MARKET

Chicago, Aug. 15. Grain futures prices closed firm to strong on the Board of Trade today.

Short covering and sharp demand were coupled with only light offerings.

Corn and rye made the largest advances with rye setting seasonal highs in all deliveries.

Castor corn dealers reported that 100,000 bushels of corn were sold to move out of Chicago today.

The gains offset an early morning drop caused by hedging and reports of large southwest wheat arrivals.

Wheat closed up 1/4 to 1/2 cent; soybeans up 1/4 to 1/2 cent.

Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red 217-217 1/2
Spot 217 1/2
September 217 1/2
October 217 1/2
November 217 1/2
December 217 1/2

United Press.

WINNIPEG GRAIN
PRICES

Winnipeg, Aug. 15. Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

Oats 82 1/2
Dec 82 1/2
Nov 82 1/2
Oct 82 1/2
Sept 82 1/2

United Press.

London Foreign
Exchange

London, Aug. 15. New York 2/8-2/8 1/2
Frankfurt 2/8-2/8 1/2
Paris 2/8-2/8 1/2
Stockholm 2/8-2/8 1/2
Zurich 2/8-2/8 1/2

United Press.

CHICAGO LARD
FUTURES

Chicago, Aug. 15. Prices of lard futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

October 12 1/2
November 12 1/2
December 12 1/2
January 12 1/2
February 12 1/2

United Press.

STRIKE OFF
TODAY

Saltwater, Aug. 15. The strike of African workers at the Mulidra Mine in Northern Rhodesia is expected to end tomorrow, according to mining circles here today.

The walkout which started on Monday is the fifth in a series of stoppages called by the African Mine Workers Union as a protest against the automatic transfer of certain grades of African workers to monthly contracts. China Mail Special.

US INDUSTRIAL
INDEX

Washington, Aug. 15. The Federal Reserve Board's industrial production index for July 1956 was 111.1.

GERMANY
PLANS OIL
RATIONING

Bonn, Aug. 15.

The West German Economics Ministry is discussing plans for rationing oil and petrol if the Suez crisis makes it necessary, according to ministry sources.

The sources said, however, that no concrete steps had yet been taken.

Even if the Suez Canal were blocked this alone "would not be a catastrophe" for the country's oil supplies. Only about 20 per cent of the country's oil imports pass through the Suez Canal.

If the Canal were blocked, the longer voyages around the Cape would mean that about half this percentage would be lost.

The sources pointed out, however, that a blockade of the Canal would make other countries increase their demands on the Eastern Mediterranean oil pipeline terminals where West Germany at present obtains about 40 per cent of her oil.

This could cut her supplies further.

A ministry source said that crude oil stocks amounted at present to about 15 days' supplies. Petrol stocks would last two to three months and diesel oil stocks about one month.

An official of the Esso oil firm in Hamburg said he thought it likely that the Canal were blocked, but at present held in the United States "mothball" reserve fleet would be put into service on the Cape route. China Mail Special.

Advanced
Petroleum
Refining

Pittsburg, Aug. 15. Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation plans the construction of new facilities to use advanced petroleum refining techniques in the production of coal chemicals, marking the first steel industry adaptation of the techniques to its operations.

New refining facilities costing over \$2,000,000 will be constructed at the firm's Allegheny, Pennsylvania Works, with completion scheduled for early next year. They will be built as the result of licence arrangements with two oil companies—Esso Research and Engineering Company and Universal Oil Products Corporation.

Combination of the two processes will purify the chemicals produced from oil of Jones and Laughlin's by-product coke over operations. The facilities will aid in production of higher quality coal chemicals. China Mail Special.

German Car
Output Up

Frankfurt, Aug. 15. West Germany's output of cars and trucks fell off sharply during last month's annual vacations but totals for the first seven months of the year were 21 per cent higher than for the same period of 1955.

Figures released by the Association of Automobile Manufacturers showed that 622,086,641 cars and trucks had been produced up to the end of July, or 123,914 more than during the first seven months of 1955. Of these, 276,914 were exported, or 43,840 more than last year.

July production was 78,207, or 10.8 per cent less than the June figure of 87,811. Exports during the month dropped off 25.3 per cent to 32,384 units. United Press.

BRITAIN'S EPU
DEFICIT

London, Aug. 15. Britain had a deficit of £24,475,000 with the European Payments Union in July, the Treasury disclosed today.

Britain paid off 75 per cent of this in gold and added the other 25 per cent to her general deficit. She helped to reduce this general deficit during the month by making special repayments totalling \$8,573,282 to certain European countries—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,000,000. No quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares Buyers Sellers Sales
BANKS
HSBC 1635 1645 30 1640
HSBC 1635 1645 30 1640

INSURANCES
Union 995 1000 73 1000
Locks 400 410 100 410

SHIPPING
K. Wharf 400 410 100 410
K. Wharf 400 410 100 410

LAND ETC.
HSBC 1510 1520 2000 1520
HSBC 1510 1520 2000 1520

Utilities
HSBC 1510 1520 2000 1520
HSBC 1510 1520 2000 1520

Telephone 34.80 35 100 35
Telephone 34.80 35 100 35

INDUSTRIALS
Cement 33 34 30 34
Cement 33 34 30 34

Stores, ETC.
Rope 12.80 13 100 13
Rope 12.80 13 100 13

Investments
Yanetize 6.80
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Singapore
Stock Market

Singapore, Aug. 16. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Opening
Batu Limang Rubber Co. 81.02
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United Press.

NEW YORK SUGAR
MARKET

New York, Aug. 15. World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to two points higher with no sales reported.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to two points higher with sales of 255 contracts.

Domestic futures moved higher in line with the firmer tone in the domestic raw market. Most of the activity was confined to the September delivery. World futures were dull.

Contract No. 4 (world)

Sept. 3.30
Oct. 3.30
Nov. 3.30
Dec. 3.30
Jan. 3.30

Contract No. 6

Sept. 6.60
Oct. 6.60
Nov. 6.60
Dec. 6.60
Jan. 6.60

United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local exchange market at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per 100) 100.00
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Cautious Trading
On Eve Of
Suez Talks

New York, Aug. 15.

Traders turned cautious on the eve of the Suez Canal conference and lightened commitments in a last hour selling flurry today which all but wiped out early substantial gains.

Only a handful of selected issues held gains of any size while the main body of stocks closed in a narrow, irregular range. Out of a total of 131 issues traded, 437 were higher, 413 lower.

Industrial stocks closed more than 3 points below the day's highs at 517.70, up 0.43. Mainstay of the average group was United, up more than 2 points and Texas Co. nearly a point higher. Aircraft paced the sell-off with late losses ranging past a point in Santa Fe, Atlantic Coast Line and Kansas City Southern. Their average was down 0.61 on the day.

Utilities too closed lower—off 0.11 on average.

Turnover picked up to 2,000,000 shares from 1,700,000 yesterday. Boring, still responding to news of large Air Force orders, added nearly a point on top of yesterday's wide gain, although selling ex-dividend.

Motors were virtually unchanged.

Oils were mixed with Continental down more than 2 and Gulf and Royal Dutch off around a point. Texas Co. rose a point.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,010,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 770,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

20 Industrials 517.70
20 Rails 180.70
20 Utilities 180.70
20 Bonds 104.70
20 Stocks 104.70

Closing Prices

Alden Ins. Co. 10 1/2
Allied Chemical 10 1/2
Allied Mills 10 1/2
Allis Chalmers 10 1/2
American Airlines 10 1/2

American Metal 10 1/2
American Smelting 10 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. 10 1/2
American Tobacco 10 1/2
Armco Steel 10 1/2

Armstrong 10 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Ham 10 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio 10 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp. 10 1/2
Bentley 10 1/2

Bethlehem Steel 10 1/2
Boeing Airplane 10 1/2
Borden (The) Co. 10 1/2
Burlington Northern 10 1/2
Canadian Pacific 10 1/2

Coca-Cola 10 1/2
Coke (U. I.) Co. 10 1/2
Celanese Corp. 10 1/2
C. I. Financial Corp. 10 1/2
Chrysler Motors 10 1/2

Climax Molybdenum 10 1/2
Columbia Pictures 10 1/2
Commercial Credit 10 1/2
Commonwealth 10 1/2
Continental Oil of Del. 10 1/2

Crane Co. 10 1/2
Cuban Amer. Sugar 10 1/2
Diamond Alkali 10 1/2
DuPont 10 1/2
Eastman Kodak 10 1/2

El Paso National Gas 10 1/2
Ford Motor 10 1/2
General Electric 10 1/2
General Motors 10 1/2
Gulf Oil 10 1/2

Hammer 10 1/2
Hercules 10 1/2
Hess 10 1/2
Hill 10 1/2
Hill 10 1/2

International 10 1/2
Kaiser 10 1/2
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